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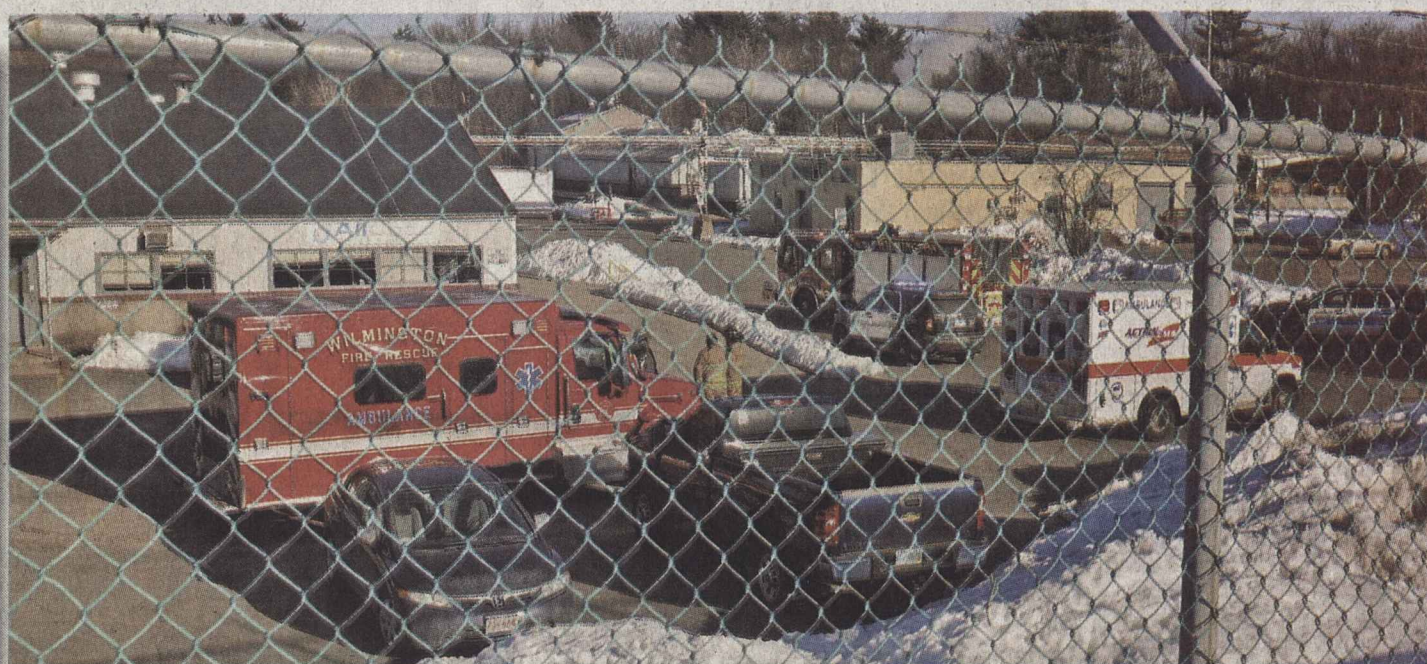
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Wilmington Fire Companies are standing fast awaiting the arrival of the state fire marshall's office after a flash fire happened in the building on the left of the photo. Allcoat Technologies located at 100 Eames Street manufactures coatings and resins.

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Two men injured in flash fire

BY JON BISHOP
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WILMINGTON—Last Thursday morning two men were injured in a flash fire at the Allcoat facility, located at 100 Eames Street. Early reports indicated an explosion

occurred at the resin and coating manufacturing company, but since amended.

"My understanding is that it was what they're calling a flash fire," said Wilmington Fire Lt. Desmond. "Obviously, the guys [AllCoat employees] went in, found the two

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Wilmington had the best fans in the stands supporting the hockey team in the D1 North Sectional Finals. 1st row- Christa Brent, Megan Hydorn, Carli Brent, Dylan Maltais 2nd row- Katherine McKenna, Kimberly Donoghue, Rachael Mara, Caroline Robarge, Kaila Bavin, Bradley Priem 3rd row- Kristen Connors, Amber Peach, Liana Natola, Caitlin Ferreira, Kellie Souza.

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Whitefield demolition one step closer

Selectmen approve article added to Town Meeting warrant

BY JON BISHOP
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WILMINGTON—The Board of Selectmen on Monday voted to create a

town meeting warrant article that would ask the town whether the Whitefield School should be demolished, a move the historical commission opposed.

Kathleen Black Reynolds, chairwoman of the commis-

sion, said the commission wanted to persuade the town to let the building stand for one more year. She hoped the town would allow them to perform a feasibility

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Shriner's for the Fourth?

Fourth of July Committee supports temporary move

BY JON BISHOP
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WILMINGTON—Scott Garratt, Chairman of the Fourth of July Committee, submitted a letter to the

Board of Selectmen stating that the Committee and the nonprofit organizations have agreed to hold a Fourth of July celebration at the Shriner's Auditorium.

"It is the consensus of the Committee members and

the nonprofit organizations that, in order for the celebration to be a viable one, it must include a carnival and a fireworks display," Garratt wrote. "As such, in

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Election 2014

Nelson bows out

BY JON BISHOP
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WILMINGTON—Mark Nelson, a candidate for the Board of Selectmen, did not return his nomination papers, which means he has effectively withdrawn from the race.

"Unexpected, urgent family matters have recently developed that requires me to focus on family matters, rather town issues and concerns," he wrote. "I would like to thank all the supporters who urged me to run and who gathered the required signatures on the nomination papers, and I apologize

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8:30 AM to 10:30 AM 12:15 PM to 2:15 PM

Wildwood Early Childhood Center

9:00 AM to 11:00 AM 12:45 PM to 2:45 PM

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PM Session 11:05 AM to 1:35 PM

Wildwood AM Session 8:30 AM to 11:00 AM
PM Session 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

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OPEN HOUSE: A brief open house will be conducted on Tuesday, February 25th, 2014 (Snow Date: Wednesday, February 26th) in both preschool classes from 9:15 to 9:45 AM or from 12:45 to 1:15 PM. If you would like to observe the classrooms before registration, you may do so at this time.

Please call ahead and let the school know which session you are planning to attend for the open house.

Looking for a "Good Guy"

Time is running out!

WILMINGTON - The deadline is fast-approaching for this year's "GOOD GUY" nominations. Don't forget to nominate that special person you feel should be recognized by the town.

The "Good Guy" Award is given annually to an outstanding citizen—male or female—who lives in our community and gives of themselves to make our community a better place in which to live. A person's work performed as an elected official or through a paid employment position is not eligible for this award.

Nominations should be sent to the "Good Guy" Committee, c/o Bob DiPalma, 12 Harold Avenue, Wilmington, MA 01887, and should include your reasons why your "Good Guy or Gal"

should be selected. If you wish to email your nomination, send it to: wilmington-goodguy@verizon.net. All entries, to be eligible, must be received no later than 5:00 P.M. on Wednesday, March 26, 2014.

The award will be presented at the 46th Annual "Good Guy" event on Friday, May 9, 2014, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, Wilmington, with a social time at 6:30 P.M. and dinner at 7:30 P.M.

This will be your last opportunity to take a few minutes and let the Committee know who you feel is most deserving of this year's "Good Guy" Award. Thank you for your nominations.

Nomination Deadline: 5:00 P.M. Friday, March 29, 2014



Teamwork Trivia Saturday night!

Team "Boston Smaht" included: front l-r: Nicole Allan, Donna Rogers, Cheryl Cazeau, Bob Appolloni and back l-r: Sharon Gallo-Dunn, Mary Ellen Madden, Bob Moriello, Kristen Walsh and Lisa Rimy.

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Ferrara named to Dean's List at Westfield

WESTFIELD - Michael P. Ferrara, son of Michael and Jean Ferrara of Wilmington received academic honors at Westfield State University by making the University's Dean's List for the fall semester.

A freshman at Westfield State Ferrara is majoring in Music Ed.

To receive Dean's List status at Westfield State University a student must complete a 12-hour semester with a GPA of at least 3.3,

have no grade below a 2.0 and have no incomplete grades.

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Whitefield's legacy in Wilmington

The preacher, not the tree (nor the school), was a religious celebrity in his day

By LARZ F. NEILSON
Editor Emeritus

WILMINGTON - The Whitefield School in North Wilmington, in a virtual state of abandonment by the town, is under consideration for demolition.

The century-old building was named for the Rev. George Whitefield, a prominent English clergyman, who preached an outdoor service nearby, beneath an elm tree in 1754 or 1755.

That elm became known as the Whitefield Elm, and its image is depicted on the official town seal (see photo, below). Ebenezer Jones, an early settler who built a home nearby, probably planted it.

Rev. George Whitefield was born in Gloucester, England in 1714. From the age of 22, he was the foremost figure in a religious movement called the Great Awakening.

He traveled to America a total of seven times. By one estimate, he preached to 80 percent of the colonists living in America. It is estimated that he spent two years of his life crossing the Atlantic Ocean.

Rev. Whitefield had a revelation as a young man, while attending Pembroke College in Oxford in the early 1730's. From that time forward, he lived for one thing, to preach the Gospel of Christ. He became lifelong friends of John and Charles Wesley, the founders of what was later known as Methodism. Whitefield, though, made no effort to establish an organized religion. His mission was simply to preach.

His voice was like a trumpet, which could be muted or played to its full power. It was excellent in melody and range, and his messages were emphasized with graceful gestures. The voice of George Whitefield also had phenomenal carrying power.

His style was deeply charismatic. While other preachers would bore their flock, Rev. Whitefield would excite. His views were not radical for his time, but his style was. He was often subjected to abuse. He wrote, "I was honored with having stones, dirt, rotten eggs and pieces of dead cats thrown at me." In 1744, he nearly became a martyr when a crowd attacked him and a man with a cane beat him.

Yet, nobody could draw a crowd like Whitefield. It was common for him to draw crowds in the thousands. In one instance, an estimated 80,000 persons were said to have gathered to hear him, although counting such a gathering is guesswork. He took to preaching in the open simply because no church could accommodate the crowds.

Exactly how many people heard him preach in Wilmington is unknown. Neither is it known when he preached, but the best guess would be in 1754 or 1755. He had arrived in Boston in May 1754, and returned to England one year later.

Wilmington tradition relates that he was denied a pulpit, and thus had to preach in the open. A history written in 1955 by Capt. Larz Neilson said that only Indians supposedly attended his service. Nobody else would admit to having attended. The minister at that time was Rev. Isaac Morrill, who was the second minister of the Wilmington Congregational Church. He was a Puritan, distinctly more conservative than the Calvinistic Rev. Whitefield.

It is said that Rev. Morrill visited church members and forbade them to attend Whitefield's gathering.

Whitefield was an acquaintance of Benjamin Franklin. In his autobiography, Franklin wrote:

"In 1739 arrived among us from Ireland the Reverend Mr. Whitefield, who had made himself remarkable there as an itinerant preacher. He was at first permitted to preach in some of our churches; but the clergy, taking a dislike to him, soon refus'd him their pulpits, and he was oblig'd to preach in the fields. The

multitudes of all sects and denominations that attended his sermons were enormous, and it was matter of speculation to me, who was one of the number, to observe the extraordinary influence of his oratory on his hearers, and how much they admir'd and respected him, notwithstanding his common abuse of them, by assuring them that they were naturally half beasts and half devils. It was wonderful to see the change soon made in the manners of our inhabitants. From being thoughtless or indifferent about religion, it seem'd as if all the world were growing religious, so that one could not

walk thro' the town in an evening without hearing psalms sung in different families of every street."

Franklin also made the observation that an itinerant preacher had the advantage of being able to repeat his sermons. In this manner, he would polish his delivery; whereas local preachers were writing new material constantly.

Rev. Whitefield died in 1770 in Newburyport, and he was interred in the church there.

The tree was cut down on July 5, 1900, having been declared unsafe for passers-by. It measured 16 feet in circumference at the point of cutting, two feet above the ground.

A monument was set, telling the story of the Whitefield visit. And three years after the cutting of the tree, a school was

built on the opposite side of the road. It was given the name Whitefield.

The Whitefield is a four-classroom building with a large playground in back. For 72 years, it was used as an elementary school. It closed as a school in 1976, after which it was used as a town hall annex, housing the Building Inspector and Health Department. The Public Buildings Dept later used it.



Whitefield Elm

Nothing remains of Rev. Whitefield's service, no text, and no memoirs. The tree is gone, the house is gone. And soon, the 111-year old school named for the Reverend, the Whitefield School, may also be gone. All that will remain is the town seal, with image of the tree and the name, The

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by Todd Brisbois

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The annual caps on deductible contributions rise this year to \$6,550 for account owners with family coverage and to \$3,300 for individual coverage. Those born before 1960 can put away an extra \$1,000. Accounts can even be funded mid-year or later.

Minimum policy deductibles on these plans remain at \$2,500 for families and \$1,250 for individuals. But the limits on out-of-pocket costs are rising to \$12,700 for family coverage and \$6,350 for individual coverage. The out-of-pocket costs include plan deductibles, copays and other expenses, but not premiums.

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Headed to Atlanta!

Wilmington DECA team performs well, top finishers advance

WILMINGTON - Wilmington High School DECA would like to congratulate all those who attended the DECA State Conference this past weekend at the Boston Copley Marriott, writes DECA and WHS Class of 2015 member Ron Judkins.

Forty-five students from Wilmington High School competed against 2,500 other students in numerous events over the course of three days. Students were given the opportunity to take part in many workshops to better their business skills and mature as young leaders. Students completed three tests (one written exam, and two role plays), and the overall combined exam and role play scores determine their placement in their category.

Wilmington DECA had numerous top ten finishers and individual test winners. Top 10 finishers include; Hannah Brown who competed in Hotel and Lodging, Chloe Castellano who competed in Hospitality and Tourism Professional Selling Event, Adam Coccoluto and Troy Vibert who competed in Sports and Entertainment Team Marketing, Mitch Goulet who competed in Sports and Entertainment Marketing, Megan Hydorn, Andrew Labao, and Maeve Sullivan who all competed in

Business Services Marketing, Bridget Sullivan, Human Resources Marketing, and lastly Ryan Tonra who competed in Restaurant and Food Services Marketing.

Individual test winners include Rachael Alatalo who received one first place medal, and two second place medals in Food Marketing; Colin Chase who received a third place medal in Food Marketing; Adam Coccoluto and Troy Vibert who received third place medal for a role play Sports and Entertainment Team Marketing; Dan Lee and Anthony Vitale who received a second place medal for an exam in Buying and Merchandising Team; Eva Nesline who received a first place medal in her role play for Hotel and Lodging Marketing; and Bridget Sullivan who received a third place medal for her role play in Human Resources Management.

A special congratulations to four students who qualified for the ICDC national competition in May; Eva Nesline who placed third overall in Hotel and Lodging Marketing, Dan Lee and Anthony Vitale who also

placed third overall in their category of Buying and Merchandising Team, and Rachel Alatalo who placed first in her category of Food Marketing. These students will be flying out to Atlanta, Georgia to the national conference where their skills will be further tested. Accompanying these students are three additional DECA members, Mary Rasphoumy, Bridget Sullivan and Maeve Sullivan who will be off to Atlanta to attend a leadership conference at the convention as a result of the efforts of Wilmington High School's DECA club, who received these spots in the November DECA membership and community service campaigns.

In an effort to help defray the costs for the seven students who will be going to Atlanta in May, Wilmington High School DECA is teaming up with Burlington High School's DECA chapter, and hosting a fundraiser featuring the Harlem Superstars.

This event will take place on April 3rd at 6:30 at Burlington High. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$10, and \$8.00 pre-sale tickets will be available by mid-March at the Town Hall in the Recreation Department.

All are encouraged to attend and help show your support for Wilmington and Burlington DECA for it will be great night out for the family, filled with laughter and great family entertainment.

Niemiec earns Dean's List at Ithaca College

ITHACA, NY - WILMINGTON - Holly Niemiec of Wilmington made the Dean's List for the Fall 2013 semester at Ithaca College in Ithaca, New York. Niemiec is in the Integrated Marketing Communications program within the Roy H. Park School of Communications. A minimum grade point average of 3.7 is required to make the Dean's List within the Park School.

Taste of Tewksbury!

TEWKSBURY - The Tewksbury Rotary Club is holding their annual "Taste of the Town" on Wednesday, April 2 at the Tewksbury Country Club, 1880 Main St, Tewksbury, from 5:00 to 8:00 pm.

Come sample terrific entrees, soups & desserts, and join in on our exciting raffle and silent auction items! Tickets are \$25 per person and proceeds benefit Tewksbury Rotary Scholarships. Tickets may be purchased at the door, or by calling 978-851-8945 or 978-851-1005.

Participants include Tewksbury Country Club, The 99 Restaurant, T.J.

Callahan's Pub (Winner of Best Entree), French's Chowder Factory (Winner of Best Soup 2013), Jade East (Winner of Best Appetizer), Edible Arrangements (Winner of Best Presentation 2013), Cracker Barrel, Angelina's, Al Fresca (Winner of Taster's Choice), Tuk Tuk (winner of Best International 2013), Kyoto Japanese Steak House & Sushi Bar, Big Top Tent, Anthony's Roast Beef and Pizza, Orange Leaf (Winner of Best Dessert) and Capellini's.

Come vote for your favorites, try out new dishes, and nosh for a great cause.

McCrevan makes the grade

Marc McCrevan of Tewksbury was recognized as a member of the Alpha Lambda Delta First Year Honor Society. McCrevan is working toward a bachelor of arts, interactive entertainment, game design concentration. Becker College is pleased to celebrate the academic

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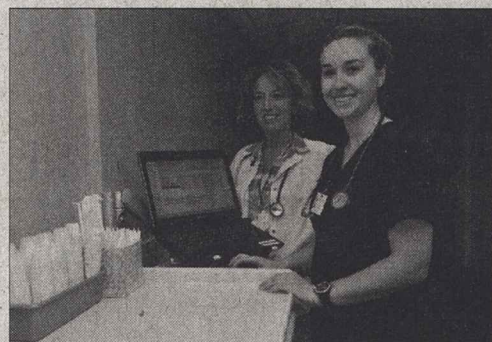
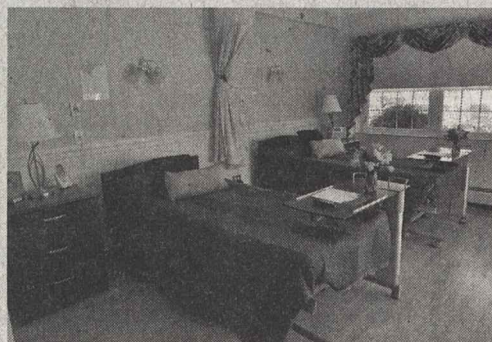
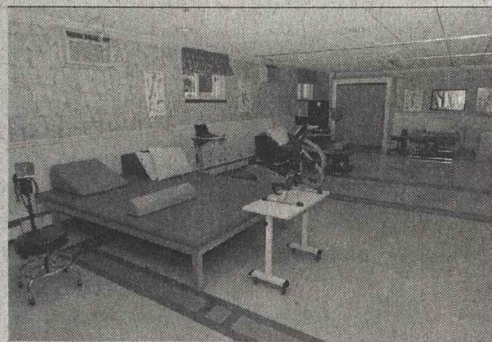
WILMINGTON - The Town of Wilmington has authorized the establishment of the Town Scholarship Fund Committee. Through the municipal tax bills, taxpayers can voluntarily pledge an amount to the scholarship fund. In addition, in the spring of 2011 the Luddy Weisberg and Lena Leiter student scholarship fund was established. The purpose of these funds is to provide educational financial aid to deserving town residents who have been accepted to pursue education beyond the secondary school level at an institution deemed accredited by the Scholarship Committee. In addition to a residency requirement, the Committee shall take into consideration financial need, character, scholastic record, involvement in the community, and extracurricular activities.

Scholarship applications are available at Wilmington High School, 159 Church Street, Wilmington; Shawsheen Vocational Tech, 100 Cook Street, Billerica; Wilmington Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington; Wilmington Public Library, Middlesex Avenue, Wilmington; and the Administration Office of the Wilmington Public Schools, 161 Church Street, Wilmington, MA 01887.

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OPINION



From: The Editors Desk

by Jayne W. Miller

You Gotta Be Skirtin' Me Redux

The Massachusetts legislature, normally a body that exhibits the agility typical of an aircraft carrier, demonstrated Porsche-like response to the Supreme Judicial Court's breathtakingly asinine decision on upskirting photos. The furor erupted quickly last Wednesday, as this publication went to press, with outrage amongst skirted voters sweeping the state. It even made CNN.

"I thought the judges blew it," said Representative Jim Miceli, who agreed with the Senate President and Speaker of the House on the matter. The state's highest court dismissed charges against one Michael Robertson who was arrested in August 2010 by transit police following a sting operation. Police received reports Robertson was using his cell phone to take video and photos up female rider's skirts and dresses. Though a lower court ruled against Robertson, the SJC evidently thought better of that decision, citing weak loopholes, and pointedly commenting at the end of its decision that legislation addressing the issue languished on Beacon Hill. Not anymore.

The legislature jumped into action Thursday, passing "An Act Relative to Unlawful Sexual Surveillance," which Governor Patrick signed Friday.

The Act became effective immediately and outlaws so-called "upskirting" and other related attempts to photograph a person's "sexual or other intimate parts"

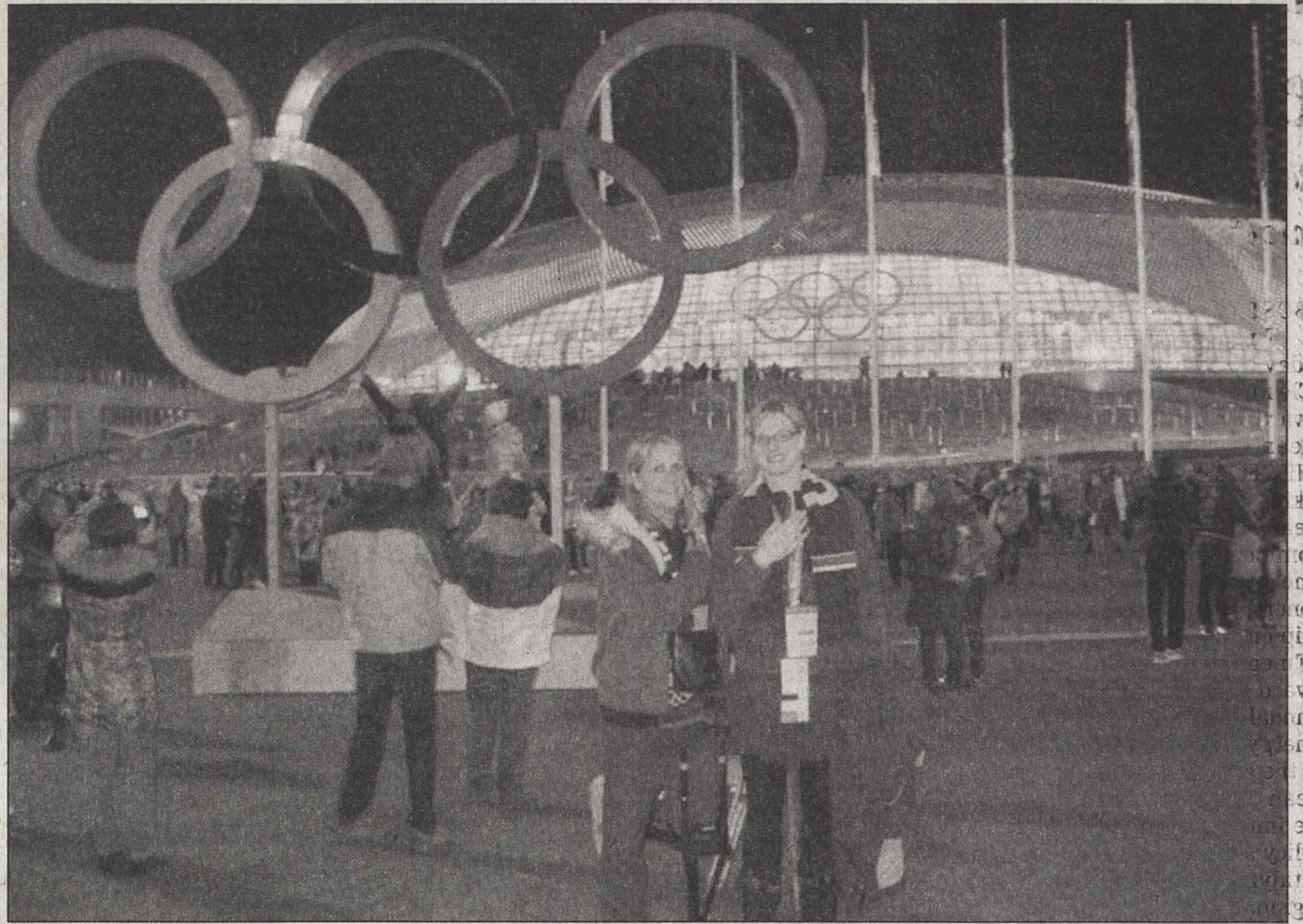
that are not visible to the public (such as a photo down a woman's shirt). Offenders could be imprisoned up to 2 1/2 years and/or pay a fine up to \$5,000. The bill also criminalizes similar photography of a child, but with stiffer penalties including up to five years in state prison.

"We are sending a message that to take a photo or video of a woman under her clothing is morally reprehensible and, in Massachusetts, we will put you in jail for doing it," state Senate President Therese Murray said in a prepared statement. "We will need to revisit this law again and again as technology continues to evolve and ensure that we are providing the necessary protections."

"I was glad to see us address it," said Miceli. "It had to be done so that there is not question at all in the future."

"I think the judges could have made the right decision and they blew it. This was an emergency situation," added Miceli, speaking to the alacrity with which the legislature passed the bill. He acknowledged that other bills may be stuck in committee, or just not moving along, but the emergency nature of this law compounded by the bipartisan support and general outrage at the SJC's ruling propelled its passage in a day.

Miceli is right; the judges were remiss in their duties by dismissing the charges. However, it's heartening to see that Beacon Hill pols can come together and pass a law quickly when the conditions are right.



Wilmington native Denise Farnsworth and her daughter Jessica Farnsworth attended the Olympics in Sochi last month. "We are in the Olympic Park standing outside the Bolshoy Ice Dome right before going in to see the quarterfinal hockey game - Latvia vs Canada. There was also a medal ceremony going on and the National anthem was playing for USA's Ted Ligety as he received his gold medal for Giant Slalom. Our flag was raised and that is why we have our hands over our hearts." See her letter below detailing her experiences in Sochi, despite traveling with a broken ankle.

Courtesy Photo



Joyful Noise

by Scott Mallowney

My love for Top 40 music goes all the way back to the mid-sixties when a new console stereo was brought into our house. It was a big piece of furniture - a polished walnut wooden cabinet with a hinged door on top. When you lifted the lid and looked inside, there was a turntable on the left, and a row of radio dials on the right. To me, it was a gateway to a whole new world waiting to be discovered.

The first album my parents bought was Roger Miller, a crossover country artist who had a radio hit with the smash single "King of the Road." Since the album was the only one we owned at the time, I got to know the songs very well. By placing the diamond needle stylus on the vinyl disc you could feel the rich warm tones of the tunes, along with all the snaps and pops that could be heard crackling from the speakers from repeated playing.

Every morning I would wake up extra early, creep into the parlor before the sun came up, and begin my 5:00 a.m. ritual of tuning in songs on the AM radio. I would set the volume low and curl up on our royal blue polyester danish modern sofa, tuck an orange pillow beneath my head and listen to The Supremes, Barbara Streisand and Tom Jones sing about life and love until it was time for me to eat breakfast and get ready for school. The nineteen sixties were a golden age for pop music, and Casey Kasem's weekly American Top 40 countdown became a staple of my Sunday morning radio listening habit (as soon as I got home from church).

I wanted to learn to play an instrument to make my own music but my training only went as far as the fourth string of my guitar. By the time I quit taking lessons I was semi-proficient at Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star. I could read the musical notes on paper. I knew my F-A-C-E from my E-G-B-D-F. However, I recently discovered there is more to understanding music than just knowing where the notes are.

Music may be the universal language, but currently in

my home there is a cultural divide between my jazz-loving son and his pop music father. "That's not real music," my son recently told me regarding my musical preference. "Jazz snob!" was my snarky retort. I'll take my father/son bonding any way I can get it.

My son is attending college majoring in jazz composition. On a recent ride home from the dorms, I thought I'd pick his brain for some technical musical knowledge. I asked him what "intonation" meant. I heard the word used on several occasions by Harry Connick Jr. as he critiqued would-be pop stars on this season's American Idol. I got my answer in the form of a vocal lesson from my son. He sang the scales in various keys to show me the difference. It takes training to hit the right notes and sing in perfect pitch. This explains why my attempt at becoming a vocalist in Vinnie and Larry's teen-age garage band in the mid-seventies

didn't quite work out. My vocal style falls somewhere between The Clash and Patti Smith.

Music comes from the soul, no matter if your a jazz purist or a Top 40 rapper. There is no right or wrong in my book. It's all about personal preference. My son and I have agreed to put our musical differences aside. He's listening to John Coltrane while I'm enjoying "Happy" by Pharrell Williams from the *Despicable Me 2* soundtrack. In the world of music, it's all good.

Although I realize a career in pop music is a long shot for me, I still dabble in the Garage Band program on my computer. I've produced a few original songs of my own enough to burn a CD or post on the web to amuse my friends.

Thanks to my son, my musical horizons have been expanded. I've discovered jazz is an acquired taste but it's not my cup of tea. To understand what the perfect pop song should sound like, I suggest listening to anything by the seventies group ABBA. I hear the band has a reunion tour in the planning stages. I hope it happens soon, before I'm the old guy clapping along from the handicap section.



Letters to the editor

Dispatch from Sochi

Dear Editor,

My daughter and I had the privilege to travel to Sochi, Russia as spectators for 3 winter Olympic events. I was traveling while on crutches due to an "unplanned" broken ankle that happened a few weeks prior to our trip. We were assisted and treated with kindness from the moment we touched down in Moscow and especially in our time at Sochi.

Our accommodations at our hotel in Sochi overlooking the Seaport were wonderful and we had delicious meals throughout our stay.

The Russian people were warm and welcoming, obviously proud to be hosting such an amazing event in their country.

There were 9,000 volunteers all dressed in the brightly patterned uniforms associated with the Games throughout the airport, the venues and the city of Sochi. They quickly jumped into action to help anyone who seemed lost or in need of assistance.

I had shop keepers carry my wheelchair up 100 steps, people on the streets offer

me physical assistance, and visitors insisting that I jump the lines for some of the shops and cultural houses within the Olympic village.

The colors and sounds and celebration of the fans cheering on their loved ones or home teams with the language and colors of their countries make the Olympics a magical event to experience.

As a fan it is fun to cheer on your own country to a medal but equally satisfying to cheer on the winners of an event. It is amazing to acknowledge the hard work and dedication that brought each of these athletes to the elite status of Olympian.

So in regard to the 2014 Sochi.RU Olympics this fan deems the Games a success.

I wish the para-olympic athletes the best in their upcoming events and hope that the conflict with Russia and the Ukraine can be resolved quickly and peacefully.

Respectfully,

Denise Farnsworth
Wilmington



Letters to the editor

Sears for Moderator

Dear Neighbors:

Doug Sears has the experience to be Town Moderator. Two terms on the School Committee and three terms on the Board of Selectmen give Doug a unique perspective on how resident committees - volunteer and elected - work together for Tewksbury.

As a lawyer, ordained minister and former high school teacher, Doug can stand before a gathering, communicate clearly, and ensure each resident who desires to be heard has that opportunity. Doug can also keep decorum. Those trying to dominate Town Meeting from the floor will be respectfully reminded of their proper place.

Doug has no agenda other

than to make Town Meeting work for all the residents. Doug is a gentleman, a professional and a veteran public servant.

Doug has a reputation of being a bit unorthodox, I assure you he will live up to a typically less than thrilling town meeting. He will ensure fair speaking time to all residents and not let the regular mouths take up all the time and drag the meetings out.

Town meeting is to discuss and vote on issues not a personal forum for a select few. Please vote for Doug Sears as Moderator on April 5th.

Sincerely,
Marc DiFruscia
Tewksbury

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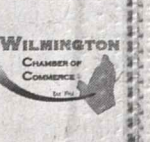
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Finegold receives clean energy award

Recognized for Leadership in Promoting Clean Energy Initiatives in Massachusetts

BOSTON - Senator Barry R. Finegold (D-Andover) today was awarded the "Clean Energy Champion" Award by the New England Clean Energy Council (NECEC) for consistently taking the lead in advancing clean energy in the Commonwealth. The Clean Energy Champion Award honors excellence in leadership on clean energy issues.

Finegold accepted the award at NECEC's 3rd Annual Massachusetts Clean Energy Day, which showcases the growing vitality of the clean energy industry and the importance of consistent policy support as a means of catalyzing the state and regional economy. The award ceremony took place at the Grand Staircase in the Massachusetts State House, a place where Finegold has fought tirelessly to promote clean energy initiatives.

"I am very proud to receive this award. The quest for energy independence is our generation's race to the moon," said Senator Finegold. "I am confident that with policymakers and innovators like the members of NECEC continuing to work together, Massachusetts will lead this country in clean energy, creating jobs of the future while leaving a cleaner planet for our children."

"Senator Finegold has shown great leadership in advancing clean energy in the Commonwealth," said NECEC President Peter Rothstein. "His sponsorship of the bill to expedite permitting for energy efficiency, the comprehensive wind siting bill and many others demonstrate his commitment to clean energy and show why he is truly a clean energy champion."

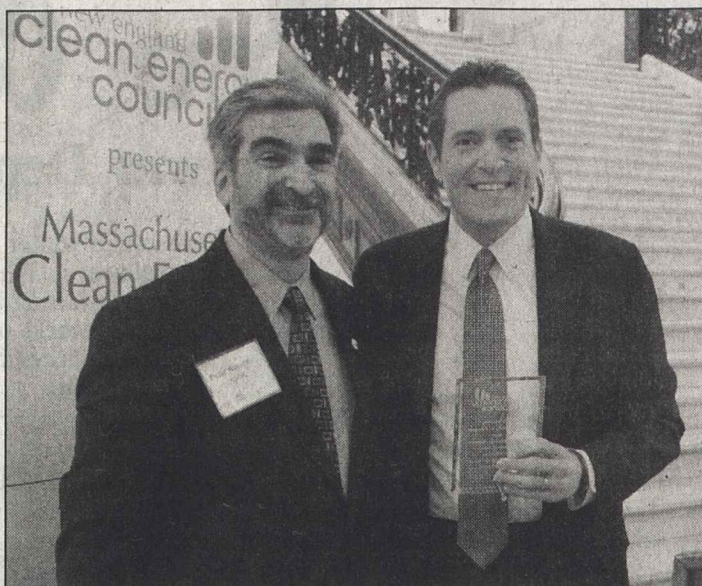
The New England Clean Energy Council is a regional non-profit organization comprised of clean energy companies and entrepreneurs across New England whose combined mission is to influence clean energy policy and develop the clean energy economy.

"Congratulations to Senator Finegold on winning this year's Clean Energy Champion Award," said Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan. "Senator Finegold has been a great partner in the Legislature on clean energy issues and this award is a well-deserved recognition of his leadership."

"Senator Finegold's tireless leadership on clean energy has helped make Massachusetts a national leader in the field," said former Undersecretary of Energy Phil Giudice, CEO of Ambri, a Cambridge-based company that is developing a electricity storage solution using liquid battery technology.

ogy. "His commitment has helped expand jobs and cultivate entrepreneurial enterprises across the Commonwealth."

clean energy in the Commonwealth since entering the State House as a freshman Representative. For years, he has successful



Senator Finegold (right) as New England Clean Energy Council's Clean Energy Champion. Courtesy Photo

"Senator Finegold's efforts on behalf of clean energy have contributed to the growth of Massachusetts' clean-tech economy," said Paul Gaynor, CEO of First Wind, a Boston-based company that develops, finances, builds, and operates utility-scale renewable energy projects throughout the United States. "Massachusetts is a leader in bringing clean and competitively-priced energy to ratepayers, and that is largely thanks to leadership in the legislature. Congratulations to Senator Finegold for his award. It is well-deserved."

Also present at the event were Energy and Environmental Affairs Secretary Rick Sullivan, Senator Benjamin Downing (D-Pittsfield) and Representative John Keenan (D-Salem), Co-Chairs of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, as well as numerous executives representing clean energy companies from throughout the Commonwealth. Representative Brian Dempsey (D-Haverhill) was the House of Representatives' recipient of the Clean Energy Champion Award today.

"Senator Finegold has been a strong advocate for investing in clean energy and energy efficiency," said State Senator Benjamin B. Downing. "He knows the right energy policy is good for the environment and our economy. I've enjoyed working with him and believe he is more than worthy of this recognition."

Senator Finegold, current Senate Vice Chairman of the Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy and former House Chairman of the Committee, has been a consistent leader on promoting

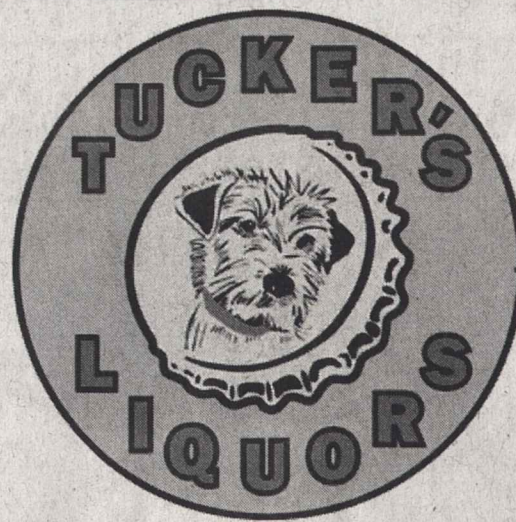
ly pushed for the net metering cap to be raised so that renewable energy projects can continue to compete with traditional energy sources. This session, Senator Finegold filed the following bills to promote the growth of clean energy in Massachusetts:

•S1970, An Act relative to credit for thermal energy generated with renewable fuels, would make Massachusetts a leader in promoting renewable heating fuels and help the Commonwealth meet its greenhouse gas reduction goals under the Global Warming Solutions Act.

•S1590, An Act relative to expedited permitting for energy efficient buildings, requires communities who wish to become a green community to adopt an expedited application and permitting process for qualified energy efficient building projects.

•HD4112, An Act relative to clean energy resources, requires Massachusetts electric utility companies to solicit bids for approximately 2,400MW of clean energy resources, helping Massachusetts replace traditional energy sources that are going offline with clean energy resources and reducing our greenhouse gas emissions.

There are nearly 80,000 people working in clean energy in Massachusetts. In the past two years, jobs in clean energy have grown by 24 percent overall. In addition, a recent study by the independent consulting firm Analysis Group finds that Massachusetts' landmark energy legislation the Green Communities Act will create \$1.2 billion in net economic benefits and more than 16,000 jobs for Massachusetts as a result of its first six years of implementation.



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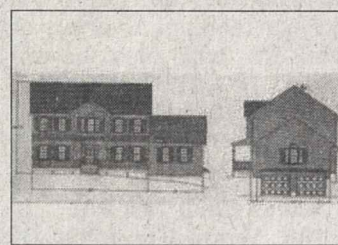
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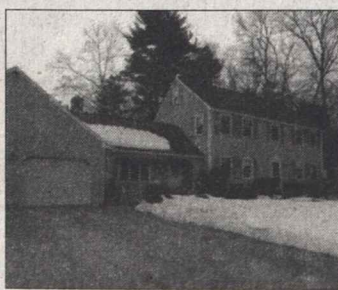
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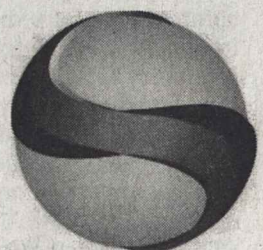
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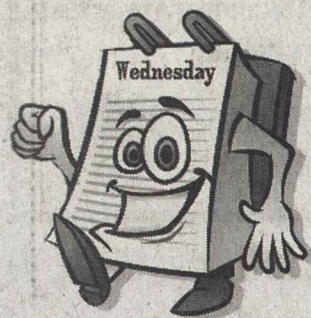
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Wilmington:

Saint Patrick's Day Party

March 14th; 7:00 PM
Join the Wilmington Touchdown Club to celebrate Saint Patrick's Day with a party at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, found on Middlesex Ave. behind Villanova Hall. Tickets for the party are \$20, and cover admission, the t-shirt you receive once inside, and entry into the door prize raffle. Tickets can be ordered in advance now at <http://www.wilmington-touchdownclub.com/>.

Knights of Columbus Karaoke and Dancing

March 14th; 8 PM-11 PM
Looking for a fun way to spend a weekend night out with friends? Want to sing and dance without a care in the world until you can't anymore? Then head to the Wilmington Knights of Columbus, located behind the Saint Thomas of Villanova parish on 126 Middlesex Ave. and join a 21+ night of dance and karaoke. Bring your friends and some snacks, or have something delivered right to your table! Residents over the age of 21 are invited to this event.

March-A-Pella Concert VI

March 14th; 7:00 PM
The Wilmington High School's Choral and Theatre Support Group, CATS, will be hosting their sixth annual March-A-Pella A Cappella music concert at the Wilmington Middle School Auditorium, on Carter Ln. Several high-profile A Cappella groups will perform, including groups from several high schools including Wilmington's own SoundScape; semi professional group Fermata Town, and professional group Ball In The House. Advanced tickets are available now; ticket prices are \$10 for adults (or \$15 at the door), and \$8 for students who advance purchase tickets or purchase at the door.

WEF Spelling Bee

March 21st; 7:00 PM
Join the Wilmington Education Fund (WEF) at Villanova Hall, adjacent to the Saint Thomas Church, for the Annual Spelling Bee. Start your own individual team for \$100, or even start a corporate one for \$250; all are excellent choices to join in the spelling fun. To register for this event, contact Kim Peterson at kandjpeter@verizon.net; registration forms are available on the WEF public website, be sure to visit for more information. All participants are

encouraged to bring their own snacks and beverages to the event.

Community Safety Day

March 22nd; 10 AM-11AM
The Academy of Traditional Karate, found on 155 West St. will be hosting a Community Safety Day open to any and all members of the community. Learn about safety from a professional firefighter and police officer, who will show their safety gear to participants. Free. All participants will leave with a fingerprinting kit to take home.

Reading Symphony Orchestra comes to Wilmington

March 23rd; 3:30 PM
The Reading Symphony Orchestra will be bringing its musical talents on the road to the Barrows Auditorium at the Wilmington High School for a performance open to the general public. Come and listen to classic compositions such as Rimsky-Korsakov's Scheherazade and Mozart's Linz Symphony #36. Tickets will be sold at the door; adults admitted for \$15, seniors admitted for \$10, and children under the age of 12 admitted free.

Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction

March 24th; 7:00 PM
Sports enthusiasts and collectors around the Middlesex area will not want to miss out on the Friendship Lodge AF and AM's Sports Memorabilia Silent Auction, held at the Scoreboard Bar and Grille found on 15 Middlesex Canal Park Dr. in Woburn. Come and see a wide variety of sports treasures from the heydays of sports across America, possibly walking away with another relic to add to a collection or one with which to begin one. All funds raised go to raising funds for scholarships this year; tickets can be purchased at the Designs by Don Florist in Wilmington, at the door the date of the event, or by contacting jesse.rplouffe@gmail.com.

Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction at Abundant Life

April 11th; 5 PM & 6 PM
The Abundant Life Christian Center will be hosting a Pasta Dinner and Silent Auction to help raise funds for the annual Eighth Grade Field Trip to Washington DC at their church, found on Church St. next to the new Wilmington High School construction site. Come and enjoy a pasta

dinner and fun silent auction, and possibly leave the event with an item of sports memorabilia or gift basket. Make sure to save the date; tickets go on sale beginning in April; for more information be sure to call 978-657-8710

WHS Lamplighters Presents: The Mystery of Edwin Drood

May 8th and 9th, 7:00 PM and May 10th, 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM
The Wilmington High School Lamplighters Drama Guild will be presenting the musical production of the infamous unfinished novel by Charles Dickens "The Mystery of Edwin Drood." With four performances over the span of Thursday (at 7:00 PM), Friday (at 7:00 PM) and Saturday (at 2:00 PM and 7:00 PM), come and see a production filled with laughter and enjoyment only a musical can provide. Tickets will be sold at the door for each show time.

Tewksbury: McDonald's McTeacher's Dine Out Night

March 19th; 4 PM-8 PM
Twenty-six Teachers from the Dewing Elementary School and the North Street Elementary School will be serving up food at the McDonald's restaurant on Andover St. to raise funds for the local school PACs. 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM.

Tewksbury VFW Psychic Fair Fundraiser

March 22nd; 10:00 AM
The Tewksbury VFW Post 8164 will be hosting a Psychic Fair fundraiser to raise money for the VFW at 87 Vernon St. Free and open to the public. Come see tarot readers and fortunetellers, who offer their services and insights into the future for \$20 per reading. A variety of vendors will also be on hand.

Youth Ensemble of New England Performance

March 22nd; 7:00 PM
The Youth Ensemble of New England will be performing at the Tewksbury Congregational Church, located on 10 East St. Conductor Dr. Drexler and the orchestra will perform a variety of musical selections, ranging from the works of Bach, Handel, and several other composers of the time; this concert is free and open to the general public. Donations accepted.

Comedy Night at the VFW

March 28th; 7:30 PM
Due to incredible popularity and demand from the residents of Tewksbury, the

Tewksbury VFW Post 8164 will be holding another Comedy Night with some of the funniest comedians from New England at their main building found on 87 Vernon St. in Tewksbury. Comics Suzi Berlin, E.J. Murphy, and headliner Steve Sweeney will lend their comedic talents to the show. Tickets are \$25 per person, or \$160 for a table intended for eight; tickets can be purchased by calling 813-760-1972; raffles and other surprises.

An Evening with Angels

Thurs., April 3rd, 7 pm
Attend a special evening with clairvoyant Laura Lee and benefit the 2014 TMHS All Night Long party for graduating seniors too. Lee, of When Angels Whisper, is a spirit medium. Doors open at Tewksbury Country Club open at 7pm, show begins at 7:30pm. Cash bar. Admission is \$25. Call Joanne for tickets at 978.758.0290 or tmhsallnightlong@gmail.com.

"He Has Risen" Easter Play

April 13th; 9:30 AM
Join the members of the Tewksbury First Baptist Church Sanctuary in celebrating the Easter season and holiday by joining the congregation to see the production of "He Has Risen," a production that goes into detail about the origins of the Christian Easter holiday. The play will be showcased at the Tewksbury First Baptist Church, 1500 Andover St. The public is invited to come and witness this religious and theatrical production for no charge. Handicapped accessible.

Mother and Son Brunch

May 3rd; 10 AM-12 PM
Tewksbury Country Club and the Department of Community Services Mother and Son Brunch is back for a second year following last year's success.

Merrimack Area: Methuen: MSPCA Poses for Pitbulls

March 23rd; 1:00 PM
Animal lovers and those who have a four-legged companion in the form of a dog should come to the Rogers Family Education and Training Room for a fundraising yoga workshop. Donations are accepted as a suitable "ticket" in to the event; all proceeds go towards benefitting the MSPCA and their mission to aid animals everywhere they can. Methuen Animal Care and Adoption Center at Nevins Farm, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844-2052; Phone (978) 687-7453



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Highway Dept Hard Work



The rough winter has taken a toll on the roads and walkways. A recent call regarding a sewer drain cover falling in was taken care of instantly. The hard work of the Wilmington Highway Department is noticed and appreciated. THANK YOU

Help from strangers



I want to thank the few people who helped me in the deli line at Tewksbury Market Basket Monday evening. My 18 month old daughter was choking on a piece of cheese and got sick everywhere. I was so moved by the man, woman, and deli girl who got me paper towels and bags to help me, and I especially want to thank the woman with the red hair who went above and beyond and stayed with me to clean up my daughter and make sure she was ok. You really touched me by your compassion. I never caught your name, but from one mom to another, "Thank you."

Too much demolition?



Time to ride the Wilmington Selectmen's Demolition Train.
First Stop - Cancel the 4th of July
Second Stop - Demolish the Whitefield School
Next Stop - Demolish the Roman House?



Letters to the editor

A Few Words on Measles

As a registered nurse working in Occupational/Employee and Travel health, I wanted to respond to a February 26, 2014 article written by Chelsea Rice of the Boston Globe regarding the recent measles exposure in Framingham, Massachusetts. Vaccine preventable illnesses are still transmissible within the community.

Each year about 60 people in the United States are reported to have measles and in 2013, 189 people have been reported to have the disease. While measles is almost gone from the United States, it still kills an estimated 164,000 people each year around the world. Measles is still common throughout the world, including some countries in Europe, Asia, the Pacific, and Africa, increasing the risk of transmission. Those at risk are people that have not been immunized or those that practice herd immunity. Herd immunity occurs when most of an isolated group (herd) has been immunized, thus providing a measure of protection for individuals who have not developed immunity.

Measles (rubeola) is a highly contagious respiratory disease caused by a virus that spreads through the air by breathing, coughing or sneezing in confined area. It is so contagious that children, older adults or individuals with insufficient immunity may get the disease if exposed to it. Symptoms develop about 7-14 days after exposure and include fever, runny nose, cough, red watery eyes, and a blotchy rash all over the body.

If you were born after 1954, chances are you may not remember the devastating effects of the measles virus due to the success of the nation's current immunization program. Historically, the virus that causes measles was isolated in Boston, Massachusetts, by

John F. Enders and Thomas C. Peebles in 1954. Before the availability of the measles vaccine, nearly all children got measles by the time they were 15 years of age. Each year in the United States about 450-500 people died because of measles, 48,000 were hospitalized, 7,000 had seizures and about 1,000 suffered permanent brain damage or deafness. If vaccinations were stopped, each year about 2.7 million deaths from measles worldwide could be expected. Complications of the Measles virus are; ear infection, pneumonia, encephalitis, or even death. Measles may also cause a premature birth or miscarriage of a pregnant woman.

As stated in a recent interview with a Physician certified in Travel Medicine and Immunizations, "People die annually from infection with the measles virus. Those especially at risk are young children, older adults, and those with weakened immune systems. The public cannot rely on isolated communities providing herd immunity any longer. Herd immunity was once effective, however, is now diluted due to the increase of global travel, placing people at risk of exposure" (personal communication, March 5, 2014). The measles vaccination is supplied in an individual dose vial, combined with rubella (German measles) and mumps. The Advisory Council on Immunization Practices (ACIP) and the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommend 2 doses of the vaccination to provide immunity. I would advocate for everyone to speak with their health care provider and ask questions regarding risks of getting the disease.

Kind regards to my community,
Jennifer Stanton, BS, RN, CCM



Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

Friends meeting 3/20

Adult Events

Domestic Affairs Discussion Group Registration Begins March 3

Meetings on Mondays, March 31, April 7, 14, 28, 7 pm *RR
Spirited discussions of some of the key domestic political issues of our time will occur over the four sessions. We'll be exploring the details of the Affordable Care Act (also known as "Obamacare"), Economic Equality in America, Immigration Reform, and Privacy Protections. Moderator Keith West will prepare background information to read beforehand. All opinions are welcome. Come to learn, come to debate, come to decide. Participants must register at the main desk beginning March 3. There is a \$10 materials fee.

Friends of the Library Annual Meeting

Thursday, March 20, 7 pm
Missing Downtown Abbey? Stop by for an evening of socializing, refreshments, and a chance to win a Downtown Abbey Gift Basket. Attendees receive one free entry! New members may join the Friends that night and be eligible for the free entry. There will also be some trivia and prizes and a book talk by Eileen MacDougall, who will share some great books to add to your reading list. The brief business meeting will include an annual report from the Friends President and the Treasurer and elec-

tion of the new Executive Board.

Technology- LinkedIn *RR (limit 10)

Tuesday, March 18, 2:30 pm
Learn how to create your presence on LinkedIn, with a focus on using it to facilitate your job search. A hands-on course taught by Adult Services Librarian, Marissa Szumowski. Laptops provided.

Wilmington Networkers- Power Your Point

Monday, March 24 (9:30 am coffee, 10:00 speaker)
John Perkins, Business Development Training Professional, will show you how to prepare a powerful PowerPoint presentation on yourself that will allow you to practice your success stories without rote reading or memorization resulting in confident and comfortable interview skills.

Book Favorites with Eileen

Wednesday, March 26, 7 pm
Not sure what to read? Reader extraordinaire, Eileen MacDougall, is back with more good titles for the spring. You will have the opportunity to share your favorites as well.

Teen Events

Teen Cooking Club: No Bake Desserts (RR)

Tuesday, March 18, 3pm
Have you ever craved something sweet but didn't feel like baking or tearing open a package of Oreos?

Learn how to make a delicious dessert with no baking required. (limit 15)

Teen Volunteers: March Book Buddies (RR)

Friday, March 28, 3:45pm
The Book Buddies program is an opportunity for teens in grades 9-12 to earn community service hours by interacting with a young child. Teens will be paired with a child for a one-hour session once a week for four weeks. Together they will read, share a snack, and do a fun craft!

Teen Fashion Club: Make Your Own Spring Hair Accessories

Tuesday, April 1, 5pm
What are some of the hottest trends in hair accessories this Spring? Learn how to make your hairstyle stand out with flower clips, feather combs, or headbands - and make your own!

Children's Events

Drop-in Storytime

Friday, March 14, 10 am
Join us for stories, songs, rhymes and more! Ages: 2-6 and one or more adults.

Book Buddies (RR)

Friday, March 14, 3:45 pm
This fun literacy program pairs kids with teen volunteers for one on one reading fun. This program provides an opportunity for children to practice reading or be read to, receive one-on-one attention from a trained teen, and do a fun craft. Ages 4+.

Music and More with

Bernadette Baird (RR)

Monday, March 17, 6:30 pm
Bernadette Baird presents music and movement for toddlers and young children through age three. Sing, play musical instruments and dance.

Read to a Dog (RR)

Tuesday, March 18, 5 pm
Cooper is a great listener who loves to have kids read to him and improve their reading skills. Cooper has been certified as a therapy dog by the Pets & People Foundation. Call the Children's Department at 978-694-2098 to sign up for a 15 minutes session

Family Movie Night: Frozen (RR)

Tuesday, March 18, 7 pm
Come watch the epic journey of Anna and Kristoff. Popcorn will be provided. Rated PG.

Moving Pictures Workshop (RR)

Wednesday, March 19, 7 pm
Kids will learn the secret of making pictures come to life! This introduction to thaumatropes, zoetropes and flipbooks will be taught by Alison Potoma, author of The Smith Family Secret. Ages 7-10.

Library News

Library Closed Friday Morning March 21

The library will be closed Friday morning March 21 from 9 am to 12 noon for staff training.



Tewksbury Library Notes

by Diane Giarrusso

Commemorating Marathon Bombings

TEWKSBURY - Tewksbury Public Library is pleased to announce that it has joined the #BostonBetter movement, a collaboration of museums, libraries and archives to commemorate the 2013 Boston Marathon Bombings, honor its victims and heroes, and help the city of Boston and the state of Massachusetts continue to heal. Tewksbury will be holding free events on five consecutive Tuesday nights at 7pm, leading up to Marathon Monday.

On Tuesday, March 18 at 7pm, the public is invited to an illustrated presentation on "Bled For Boston," a photography project documenting the people who received tattoos after the Boston Marathon bombing. Founder Chris Padgett, recently featured on WBZ News and in Boston Magazine, says, "Bostonians everywhere showed their support for the city after the bombings. Many tattoo shops in Massachusetts stepped up and offered Boston-themed tattoos, donating their profits to The One Fund Boston. I wanted to capture the people that dedicated permanent space on their bodies as memorials to their city, first responders and the people who lost their lives at the Marathon." Get the first look at this fascinating year-long project, which officially launches this April with an exhibition at the Boston Center for Adult Education and the publication of a book. Learn more about the project at www.bledforboston.com.

On Tuesday, March 25 at 7pm, the public is invited to an illustrated presentation on The 27th Mile: Going the Extra Mile to Support the Victims of The Boston Marathon Bombing, a collection of writings from local runners, including former Boston Marathon winner Amby Burfoot, explaining their passion for the sport. According to editor Ray Charbonneau, "Within this book, you'll find stories that extol the spirit that first got us on

the roads to run, that brought us to Boston on a sunny spring day, and that will bring us back to Hopkinton next year and in the years that follow. It's the spirit we celebrate every time we go for a run, whatever the distance." Charbonneau will also be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of the book, which will be available for purchase. Proceeds from each sale will be donated to the One Fund. Learn more about the book at www.27thmile.com.

On Tuesday, April 1 at 7pm, the public is invited to contribute to "Our Marathon," a crowd-sourced, digital archive of pictures, videos, stories and social media related to the Boston Marathon bombing. Northeastern University, which hosts the project, stresses that no contribution is too small. According to its website, the archive will "allow the public to explore not only what happened during the event, but also how the event was experienced by Bostonians, visitors to the city, and those many members of the 'Boston diaspora' who were far away but deeply engaged in the unfolding events. The archive will serve as a long-term memorial, preserving these records for students and researchers, providing future historians with invaluable, local windows into an important national event." Library staff will provide laptop stations and assist residents in uploading their stories (or photos, text messages, social media, etc.) to the archive's website. Learn more about the archive at www.marathon.neu.edu.

On Tuesday, April 8 at 7pm, the public is invited to an illustrated presentation on "Aftermath: A Photographic Reflection on the Boston Marathon Bombings," a photography collection that captures how the tragedy affected the people of Boston. For the ten weeks following the Boston Marathon bombings, professional photographer Joshua Touster comprehensively pho-

tographed all aspects of the bombing's aftermath, including the makeshift memorials; the bombing sites; first responders being honored at Fenway Park; the national media covering the bombings; the Tsarnaev home; the Watertown shootout location; crowds observing moments of silence; and the dismantling of the memorials by City of Boston archivists. Touster will share these images, plus his own personal reflections of the bombings, including being locked down in his Watertown home and witnessing the joyous street celebrations that erupted after the capture of the second bombing suspect. The "Aftermath" exhibit is currently on display at Curry College in Milton.

On Tuesday, April 15 at 7pm, the public is invited to a panel discussion with contributors to the book, *If Not The Perfect Stranger: Heartwarming and Healing Stories of Kindness from the 2013 Boston Marathon*. Hear directly from a group of individuals who delivered, received or witnessed real-life acts of heroism and generosity as a result of the bombings. Editors Diane Montiel and Steve Alexander will also be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of the book, which will be available for purchase. Portions of the proceeds from each sale will be donated to the One Fund, the Challenged Athletics Foundation, the L.C.C. K-9 Comfort Dog Ministry, and other organizations. Learn more about the book at www.bostonperfectstranger.com.

Due to limited seating, attendees are asked to reserve their seats by calling 978-640-4490 x 205 or emailing rhayes@mvlc.org. The five-talk series is sponsored by the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library. For additional information, visit the library's online calendar of events at www.tewksburypl.org. To learn more about the #BostonBetter movement, visit www.bostonbetter.org.

Seven locals students honored at Malden Catholic

Malden Catholic High School, one of New England's leading college preparatory high schools for young men, has announced that the following local students received honors for distinguished academic per-

formance during the second quarter of the 2013-2014 school year:

Second Honors - all grades 80 percent and above.

First Honors - all grades 85 percent and above.

Headmaster's List - all

grades 90 percent and above.

Two Tewksbury residents were honored including Cole Iovine (first honors) and Michael Welton (second honors), while, Wilmington residents include:

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John DiFava (headmaster's list) as well as Christopher Babcock, Stephen Cardarelli, Alexander Frye and Quinn Reynolds (second honors).

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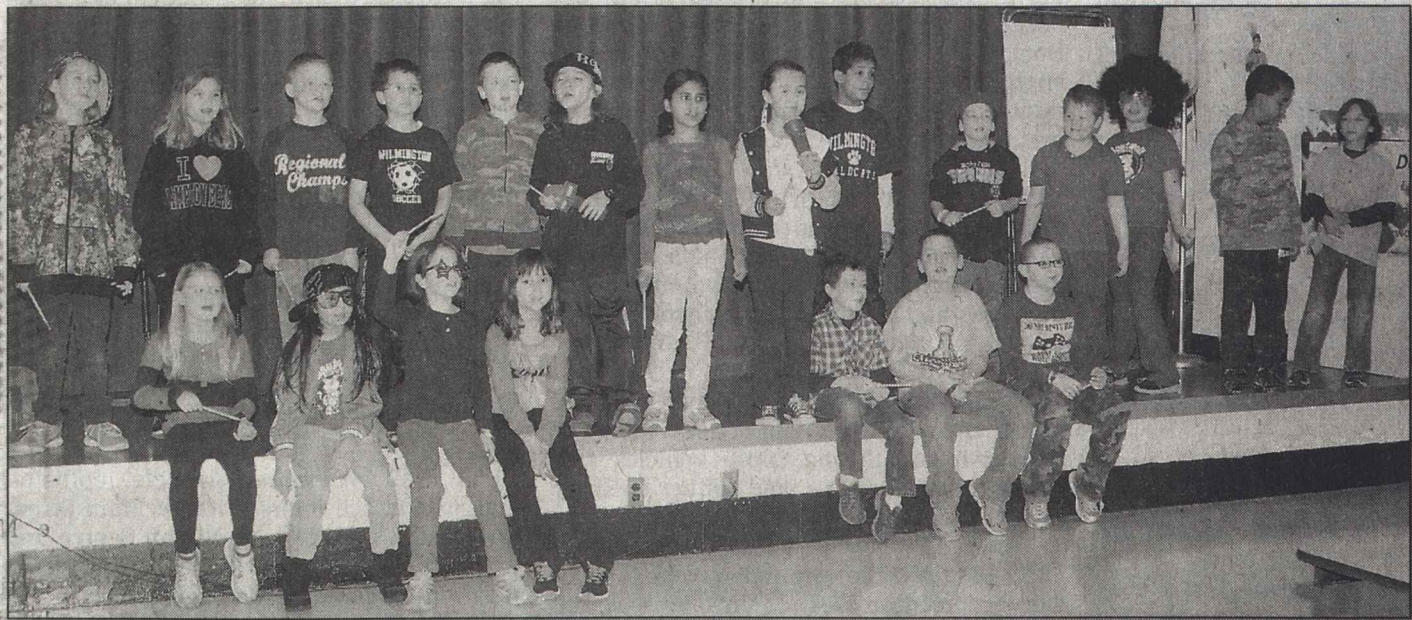
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MCAS Rap

Cheryl Cazeau's 3rd graders at the Shawsheen Elementary School wrote and performed a rap music song to help them prepare for MCAS exams. Technology teacher Traci Jansen, helped with the project.

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Pop Star Macklemore inspires

Shawsheen Elementary Students to rap their way towards success

BY SHARON ADELMAN CROWLEY
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WILMINGTON - Shawsheen Elementary School 3rd graders have discovered a unique way to prepare for The Massachusetts Comprehensive Assessment System (MCAS). Inspired by pop star Macklemore, they are producing their own rap music video on how to prepare for the upcoming tests, March 17 - 20.

The brainchild of Elementary Technology Integration Specialist, Traci Jansen, the concept of a test-taking rap began as a way to incorporate technology into everyday learning. Introducing video production to the classroom had students focused and engaged from the start. "The students are taking this very seriously," Jansen said. "There has been intense study and practice. Because they are creating this for a wider audience, the students have stepped up with purpose."

"The goal for this project is to reinforce test-taking skills in the hopes that these strategies will stick with them," said 3rd grade teacher, Cheryl Cazeau. "We practice test-taking strategies all year long, but we start in January to really practice how to choose the best answer, write an appropriate response for a question, and understand different genres of literature. All of these topics can be overwhelming for an 8-year-old."

The connection between music and learning has been widely documented. Chris Brewer, author of Soundtracks for Learning, says, "Sounds can help to hold our attention, evoke emotions, and stimulate visual images. Students of all ages—that includes adults—generally find that music helps them focus more clearly on the task at hand and puts them in a better mood for learning."

Brewer recommends upbeat, popular music to enhance learning. If a student can "tie tunes to tasks" they memorize better through rhythm and rhyme. It also helps with information retrieval.

Cazeau's students showed no signs of forgetfulness when rehearsing their lyrics, which were written in groups of three, using their class reading books for catchy lyrics.

Loosely based on the song "Can't Hold Us" by Macklemore, the students wrote and choreographed vignettes for a music video to be seen school-wide. The video will also be posted on YouTube

to inspire other students looking for encouragement prior to MCAS.

Music teacher Roxanne Rene taught the students how to understand the beats of the song and make the chorus flow while rapping. Each verse of the rap was filmed in different locations throughout the school: the cafeteria, foyer, library, gym, and with first grade Book Buddies, Ms. Sadwoski's class.

"They've been working really hard to put this together," said Educational Assistant, Paula Fairweather, who was close by to support students with props and keep them smiling.

Abundant smiles were just one indication of the students' pride. When asked if they felt more confident about the upcoming MCAS, there was a resounding "Yes!"

Derek Maguire said he is now more prepared for MCAS because he has a good understanding of what it is like to be a 3rd grader taking the test. "I didn't really know before," he added. Classmate Ryan LaRoche said, "Our rap gives us a lot details of what we should know to pass."

Jia Kumar feels more confident because the strategies she learned will help her choose the right answers.

Emma Pelland said, "If I get stuck on a question, I can sing the rap to myself, so I know what to do next."

Cazeau is very proud of her students' efforts. "This is a successful example of project-based, multi-disciplinary learning."

"The idea of the class creating their own lyrics based on test-taking strategies is a fun and creative way to get students involved and excited about the MCAS process, which sometimes can cause anxiety," said Assistant Principal, Lisa King. "Now the students have created lyrics, learned the strategies, and created a video to share with others. I am so excited to see the final product. This was a great collaborative effort by Mrs. Cazeau, Mrs. Jansen, and our students."

As in Macklemore's popular lyrics "So we put our hands up like the ceiling can't hold us" - for the students at Shawsheen Elementary, "no ceiling can hold them" back from success on the MCAS.

The video is now on YouTube: "Get Ready for the Test - MCAS Prep Rap" can be found at www.youtube.com/watch?v=fWgfgZvzXE&feature=youtu.be

Tackling bullying

House Passes Enhanced Anti-Bullying Legislation

BY JAYNE W. MILLER
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B O S T O N — Representatives Ken Gordon and Jim Miceli joined colleagues in the House to pass legislation that builds on the 2010 landmark anti-bullying legislation by creating new reporting measures and recognizing certain populations as more vulnerable to bullying.

The amendments are designed to increase the efficacy of the original legislation, which prohibited bullying and cyber-bullying, and required schools to establish related programs. The bill creates a data collection and reporting mechanism that will help educators, administrators and legislators identify trends and respond appropriately.

"I am proud to join my colleagues in strengthening our anti-bullying laws," House Speaker Robert A. DeLeo (D-Winthrop) said. "We are fortunate to have an exceptional educational system in Massachusetts and it is our duty to ensure students are safe and are able to maximize these resources to the full extent. I believe this legislation will allow us to better understand and prevent bullying, and I thank Attorney General Coakley and Chairwoman Peisch for their work towards this goal."

"This is an important piece of legislation that is designed to protect our children" said Representative Ken Gordon (D-Bedford). "It is a well-crafted bill and strong step in the right direction in the movement against bullying."

The legislation passed 143 in favor to 4.

"I voted for it but had misgivings about it," cautioned Miceli. "I voted for it only because it's an issue we addressed. Part of the reason for misgivings, first of all, it can be abused. You could have someone constantly talking about bullying where it doesn't exist."

Miceli noted that parents lobbied heavily for the amendment, intended to tighten up language, at the State House.

"When I looked at the amendments that were before us, I thought, 'gee you could have people utilize this [in a way] that isn't the intent of the legislation.'"

Miceli also noted that the

legislation calls for more reporting on the part of school departments, particularly teachers. One aspect of the bill requires educators to identify students that may be susceptible to bullying.

"A couple of these line items in the amendment are subject to interpretation, but they aim to help stop those suicides. I don't want to cause a problem for a youngster who has some kind of mental breakdown because we didn't take some kind of action. In the vote, it wasn't even close and it's on its way to becoming law."

"This bill updates the landmark anti-bullying law to allow us to better measure the effectiveness of our efforts and to help create safe, supportive environments for those who are especially vulnerable to bullying, such as LGBT students and students with disabilities," Attorney General Martha Coakley said. "We appreciate the work of Speaker DeLeo, Chairman Dempsey, and Chairwoman Peisch for their leadership on this critical issue and applaud the House for passing this bill. We look forward to working with the Senate to do the same."

"This bill provides additional tools and resources that will allow the Commonwealth to continue its efforts to prevent bullying in schools, and will provide an opportunity for the state to measure the impact and effectiveness of the 2010 law," said Representative Alice Peisch, Chair of the House Committee on Education (D-Wellesley).

Provisions of the bill are based on recommendations developed by a special commission chaired by Attorney General Coakley and include the following:

- Schools must annually report bullying data to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education (DESE) and submit aggregate data on bullying to the Attorney General and Legislature;

- DESE is required to inform parents about its Problem Resolution System and the process for seeking assistance or filing a claim;

- School bullying prevention plans must recognize that certain enumerated categories of students may be more vulnerable to becoming targets of bullying.

The House voted 143-4.

Work and study at the same time?

Shawsheen Technical among state's best in cooperative education

BILLERICA - The junior and senior students at Shawsheen Valley Technical High School are pretty lucky.

After all, it's not every 16, 17 or 18-year-old that has an opportunity to earn good money during school, say Shawsheen Tech administrators in a press statement.

Shawsheen's successful cooperative education program, which allows students to work in their field every-other-week during the day, continues to thrive as more than 170 local businesses are employing 210 of the school's 331 seniors this year. The students, who alternate work weeks with regular classroom weeks, work approximately 30 hours per week and are collectively earning over \$65,000 each week worked.

"No other high school in Massachusetts is close to us in cooperative employment," stated Shawsheen Tech's Superintendent/Director Charles Lyons.

Last year, most seniors and eligible juniors took advantage of the co-op program and all it has to offer. Juniors are eligible for cooperative education placement in the fourth quarter of the school year, and seniors are eligible provided they meet academic and vocational technical competency standards and maintain excellent attendance.

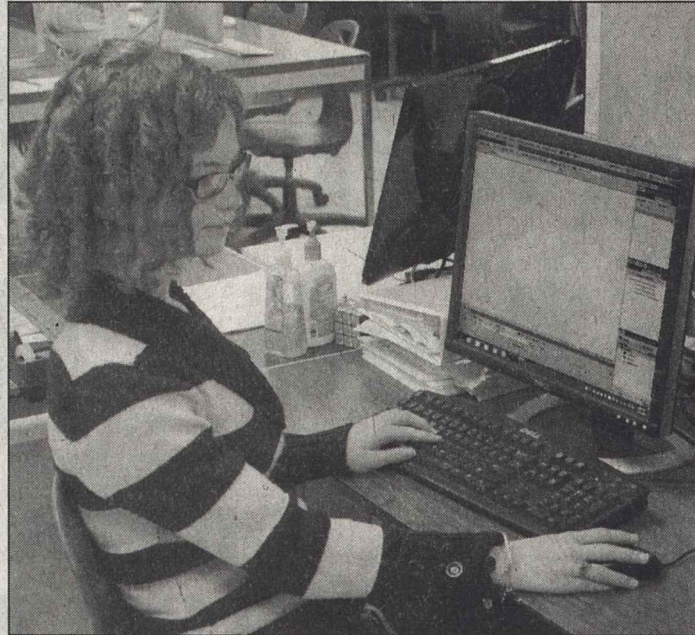
As of February 24, 64 percent of Shawsheen's seniors were working in 19 different areas of study offered by the school. In all, 17 of 20 seniors in the electrical shop are on co-op, an eye-popping ratio of 85 percent of the class, and 81 percent of seniors (13 of 16) in Air Conditioning and refrigeration were employed.

"They're really getting first-hand understanding of what I call 21st century soft skills," said Lyons. "Getting up in the morning, being technically prepared to go to work with a value add for the employers, and practicing their communication skills serving others. Unlike most college internships, all of our co-op students are paid," Lyons added. "The opportunity provides them with a real-life experience to determine if that is a profession they want to continue in, and provides real relevancy for what they are studying in school. And since almost 70 percent of our seniors attend college, they make excellent informed financial decisions about future plans in college and beyond."

"It's been an amazing year," said Richard Lavoie, Shawsheen's cooperative education coordinator. "The teachers work hard with local companies to find the students jobs. Teachers develop contacts and assist students getting a co-op job, and then students demonstrate the skills they have attained to add value to the company's bottom line."

Lavoie said many times, Shawsheen Tech graduates that either own their own business or work for a local company happily employ current Shawsheen students.

"That's definitely a big part of it," Lavoie said. "We're getting to the point now where a lot of Shawsheen alumni are owners of businesses or managers in a position to hire our students and



Daniele Barry of Tewksbury at her Internet Tech Coop. Courtesy Photo

they'll say 'I went through co-op and I want to give a student a chance.' It has worked out very well for us."

Lyons proudly recalls a story about a current college student that graduated from Shawsheen Tech and came back to speak to Shawsheen seniors. The graduate told a story about recently receiving a co-op job at a "well-respected engineering firm," according to Lyons.

"The reason he got that co-op job [in college] was because he had co-op experience in high school," Lyons said. "He said the company was blown away that a student in high school would have that type of experience. It gave him a tremendous advantage."

Often, a co-op relationship between a student and a company can extend well beyond high school.

"It's a win-win for the employer," Lavoie said. "They get to experience a possible employee without paying the benefits. If they hire someone off the street, they'd have to train them at the entry level before they even get up and running with the person."

Lavoie also pointed out that Shawsheen students also have up-to-date safety training that can also benefit employers. Employers interested in hiring Shawsheen Tech co-op students should contact Rich Lavoie directly at 978-671-3619 or via email at rlavoie@shawsheen.tec.ma.us.

Into the Woods

Local actors appear in Wakefield Repertory Theatre production

WAKEFIELD/WILMINGTON- This creative twist on the traditional fairy tales we have grown up with takes us on a magical, music filled adventure that follows the Baker and his Wife and their dream to have a child of their own. As we journey with them, their encounters with our favorites - Cinderella, Rapunzel, Little Red Riding Hood, Jack and the Beanstalk and more, bring us laughter, and tears, and a different perspective on wishes and "happily ever after."

This production features many local Wilmington actors including Izzy Richards as Little Red Riding Hood and Shannon Smith as Snow White. These incredibly talented actors bring our characters and

story to life! Our production is artfully directed by De Kole of Waltham and our Music Director John Eldridge from Concord, who guides these amazing voices through an experience audiences won't forget.

Into the Woods will be performing at the Wakefield Lynnfield United Methodist Church at 273 Vernon St. in Wakefield, MA. Evening Shows are March 28, 29, and April 5th at 8pm, and matinee performances will be March 30th and April 6th at 3 pm. Adult tickets are \$18 and Students/Seniors/Children are \$16.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or at www.ticketstage.com/T/WRT. Please feel free to visit our website at www.wakefieldrep.org for more information.



Tewksbury Police Log



Wilmington Police Log

A&B arrest at Tewksbury Hospital

Monday, March 3

4:33 p.m. Matthew Eddy, 27, of 13 Harrison Street in Lowell, was arrested at 918 Main Street and is charged with the reception of more than \$250 in stolen property.

6:36 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 150 Main Street.

7:13 p.m. Shawn Falcon-Gomez, 24, of 18 Everett Avenue, Apartment 10 in Boston, was arrested at 161 Merrimack Meadows Lane and is charged with operating a motor vehicle with a suspended license.

Tuesday, March 4

10:47 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Whipple Road and Chapman Road.

1:10 p.m. Annemarie Castro, 22, of 10 Chelmsford Street in Lawrence, was arrested at 515 Woburn Street on the basis of a warrant.

5:25 p.m. A vehicle parked at 60 Maureen Drive reportedly suffered a break-in.

5:56 p.m. Pedro Martinez, 31, of 63 Lexington Street, Apartment 1 in Lawrence, was arrested on Merrimack Meadows Lane and is charged with the distribution of a Class A substance.

10:21 p.m. Megan Sullivan-Albee, 24, of 17 First Street, Apartment 13 in Bangor Maine, was arrested at 4 Highwood Drive and is charged with sexual conduct for a fee.

11:02 p.m. A vehicle parked at 21 Dirlam Circle reportedly suffered malicious damage.

11:05 p.m. Megan Horsfield, 24, of Cryodon Turnpike Road in Cryodon, New Hampshire, was arrested at 4 Highwood Drive and is charged with sexual conduct for a fee.

Wednesday, March 5

4:02 a.m. A vehicle parked at 4 Highwood Drive reportedly suffered a break-in.

5:32 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Shawsheen Street and Main Street.

Thursday, March 6

6:38 a.m. Kevin Bradley, 25, of 18 Charlesgate Road in Billerica, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of two warrants.

7:24 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of East Street and Maple Street.

9:21 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident

occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Pleasant Street.

10:19 a.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 85 Main Street.

12:51 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 1590 Main Street.

4:11 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at the intersection of Carter Street and Lumber Lane.

Friday, March 7

1:10 a.m. Luis Morales, 21, of 187 Smith Street, Apartment 1 in Lowell, was arrested at 95 Main Street and is charged with the unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle and with the failure to meet RMV safety standards.

4:19 p.m. A motor vehicle related accident occurred at 85 Main Street.

5:10 p.m. Norman Holder, 53, of 726 Washington Street, Apartment 3 in Dorchester, was arrested at Tewksbury Hospital, 365 East Street, and is charged with assault and battery with a dangerous weapon.

Saturday, March 8

12:46 a.m. Michael Makarewicz, 30, of 27 North Street, Apartment 3C in Stoneham, was arrested at 95 Main Street on the basis of a warrant.

6:06 p.m. Jeremy Gleaton, 22, of 697 Shawsheen Street in Tewksbury, was arrested at the intersection of Woburn Street and Forest Avenue and is charged with the possession of and the intent to distribute a Class D substance.

Sunday, March 9

5:23 p.m. John Torres, 27, of 82 Brick Kiln Road, Apartment 7305 in Chelmsford, was arrested at 10 Main Street and is charged with armed assault to rob and with conspiracy. Erica Marsh, 25, of 14 Nickerson Drive in Billerica, was arrested and is charged with armed assault to rob and with conspiracy.

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Man arrested on I-93

Monday, March 3rd:

8:01 AM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Jeep Liberty and a Subaru Forester occurred at the Boutwell School, found on Boutwell St. A fire hydrant in the area was slightly damaged, both vehicles sustained minor damages, but neither party involved was injured in the collision.

8:59 AM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the Harnden Tavern on Salem St. involving a Ford F-350 and a Toyota Sienna. Both vehicles sustained only minor damage, and neither party involved sustained any injuries.

9:01 AM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Suncrest Ave. involving a Jeep Wrangler and a Toyota Sienna. Both vehicles sustained minor damages, and neither operator involved was injured in the collision.

3:27 PM: A three way motor vehicle collision occurred on West St. involving a Mini Cooper, Toyota 4 Runner, and a Chevrolet G10. All three vehicles sustained minor damages in the collision, and no mention of the conditions of any of the operators involved was made in the crash report.

4:55 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred on Lowell St. involving a Lexus H25 and a Ford Fusion. Both vehicles sustained minuscule damages, and neither operator was injured in the collision.

5:23 PM: A three way motor vehicle collision occurred on Reed St. involving a Nissan Maxima, Honda Civic, and Mitsubishi Lancer. All three vehicles sustained minor damages, and none of the parties involved were injured in the collision.

Tuesday, March 4th:

2:56 PM: A motor vehicle collision involving a Honda Accord and a Chevrolet Impala occurred at the Saint Dorothy's Church on Main Street. No mention of the damages either vehicle sustained or the conditions of the operators involved was made in the crash report.

Wednesday, March 5th:

9:35 PM: Derrell Foster, 25, of 17 Garfield St. in Haverhill was apprehended on the I-93 Northbound Highway due to an outstanding warrant for his arrest.

Thursday, March 6th:

1:59 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the intersection of Main Street and Kirk St. involving a Nissan Sentra and a Honda Civic. Both vehicles sustained an unspecified level of damage, and neither party involved was injured in the collision.

Saturday, March 8th:

2:24 PM: A motor vehicle collision occurred at the Hess Express Gas Station on Main Street involving a Saturn L200 and a Ford F-250. No mention of the damages either involved vehicle received, or the conditions of the driver involved were made in the crash report.

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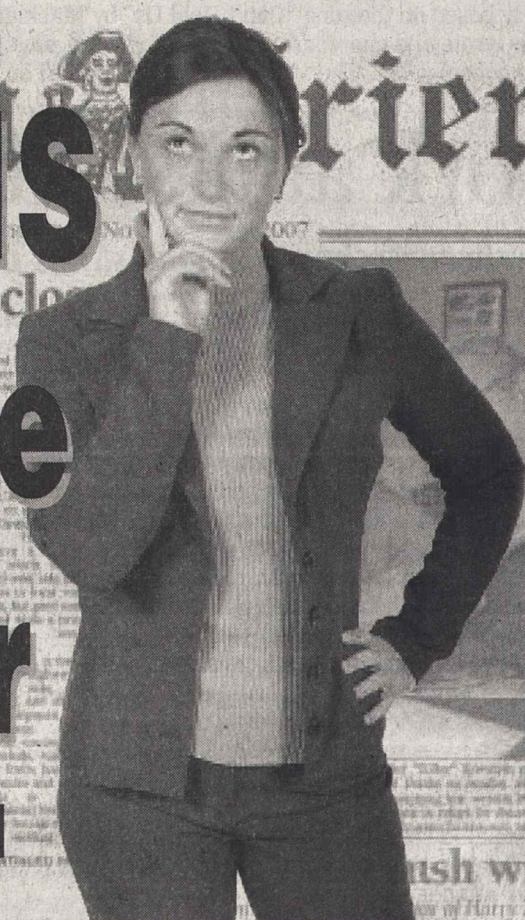
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Charles T. Spinazola, Sr.

Hard working, compassionate man; affectionately known as the "Loam King"

WILMINGTON - Charles T. Spinazola, Sr., age 77, of Wilmington, formerly of Woburn, January 19, 2014. Charles was the dearly beloved husband of Susan Phipps Spinazola of Wilmington, cherished son of the late Clarence "Clem" Spinazola and the late Mary (McGovern) Spinazola, devoted father of Charles "Chuck" Spinazola, Michael Spinazola and his wife Susan all of Woburn, Christopher Hartford of Riverside, AZ and the late Cheryl Hartford Nickerson previously of Wilmington and Malden. Loving Grandfather of Janet Spinazola of Woburn and Amy & Michael Nickerson of Malden. Great Grandfather of Jaiden Spinazola of Woburn. Faithful brother of John Spinazola and his wife Pam, of Wilmington, Mary Packard and her husband Richard of Woburn. Also survived by many cousins, nieces, and nephews. Deeply missed by many lifelong friends.

After a brief illness with cancer, Charlie "Butch" passed away unexpectedly and peacefully at Brigham & Women's Hospital under the expert and compassionate care of the Dana Farber treatment team. During his last conscious hours, he contacted many of his dearest loved ones and friends to share final words of affection and bid a fond farewell until they "meet again on the other side." His widow and immediate family were gathered together at his bedside to share in his final hours. He and his family deeply appreciated a prayer service to comfort him and ease his passage into the afterlife offered by a dear family friend, Gilly.

In November of 1936, Charles "Butch" was born in Brooklyn, NY, where his



parents wed. Shortly afterwards, his parents returned to their hometown neighborhood and took up residence next to the Spinazola family home in Woburn.

The ethnic melting pot of his childhood surroundings bore panoply of memories he loved to regale to whoever would listen. Here he was also lovingly embraced by numerous maternal/paternal relatives and was endowed with the nickname "Angel." Rather than to choose between either his Irish or Italian roots, early on, he dubbed himself "an American."

As a youth, he had a passion for football and hanging with friends at the "old Y," "JuJu's" the cinema, and driving around Horn Pond. Surprising for many, he also aspired to become a priest which ultimately gave way to his love for the pleasures of life.

During his early work life, he revealed in farmhand camaraderie planting, harvesting, making cider, and bringing goods to Haymarket. At the age of 18, after cleaning grease from his hands, his shirt sleeve caught fire. When he put his hands between his groin to put out the fire, his pants caught on fire culminating in severe burns. He spent the following year in a specially made hammock at Choate Hospital after which, he was shocked to realize he no longer knew how to walk. After his recovery, he joined

the family business, Midland, Inc. which afforded him a lifelong occupation surrounded by the things he loved most his father, his sons, nature and operating heavy equipment. During the winter, many days would be spent on Rte. 128 plowing and removing snow for days after a storm. During the Blizzard of '78, he worked for three days straight helping to clear cars off the road. At the "pit" he prided himself on becoming an expert in the creation of fine quality loam earning him the well-deserved title of "Loam King" by his peers. His widow often teased him that his self-employment left him uncensored like child who never left the sandbox.

With his dear friend, the late George Morse, who had a passion for horses, he founded Midland Farm Stables, which operated for many years in a vacated barn on the family business property. Sadly, life as he knew it came to a screeching halt when the barn and multiple landscape enterprises business on the property were demolished under the pressure to found the Maple Meadow Landfill due to DEP regulations. His loam business gave way in the midst of all these changes and his spending time with his father during his final days of life.

Subsequently, he found himself devastated not only by his father's death but, forced retirement.

Aside from family, work was his life's passion. After his father's death, he found it impossible to step foot either on the ground he'd worked, tended and loved so much or in the garage where he'd spent hours since childhood with his dad and family friends maintaining equipment and fantasizing

living out his retirement as a welder. He longed for the casual companionship he'd shared sitting under his favorite tree listening to the babbling brook, feeding the ducks and chatting with friends, horse lovers and landscapers on hiatus waiting for their truck beds to be filled with buckets of loam (i.e. dirt). Sadly, in his last days, this lovable, altruistic and generous man found himself broken hearted struggling with anxiety, depression and health issues (COPD/CHF) making it difficult to enjoy the fruits of his labor yet, ever so grateful for the enduring love and relationship of his life companion it became imperative to him after a 38 year courtship that they marry and she take his last name. On January 10, 2014 just nine days before his death he was elated to state his vows in a private ceremony at their home declaring this the "happiest day of my life."

Even in his final days his caring, compassion and love for others never waned. He was always ready to lend an ear and to help someone in need. Friends remember him most for his love of life, loyalty, dependability, gift of gab, humor and playful pranks. He will be deeply missed by all who had the good fortune to know him.

Family and friends will gather for a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Anthony's Church, 351 Main Street (Rte. 38), Woburn, on Saturday, March 15th at 10:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the MSPCA Nevins Farm Animal Care and Adoption Center, 400 Broadway, Methuen, MA 01844. Arrangements under the direction of Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., Wilmington.



Karen Carter and Joy Beatrice studied the photos for the picture round of the trivia contest held at the Tewksbury Country Club on Friday evening.
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Wilmington Conservation program talk What's going on with your trees?

WILMINGTON - Trees and common tree problems are the focus of a talk on March 19, 2014 at 7 pm in Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, in Room 9. This is the annual meeting of the participants in the Stewardship Program, Wilmington residents who have volunteered to care for specific lands under the jurisdiction of the Conservation Commission.

Massachusetts Certified Arborist and Wilmington Tree Warden, Jamie Magaldi, will be speaking about common problems affecting the Wilmington urban forest network, including pests such as the Emerald Ash Borer, which has recently been found in

North Andover. The talk ties into some of the issues the Town will be facing on Conservation Lands as the pests spread. Mr. Magaldi has put together an interesting and informative website for the DPW Tree Division - check it out!

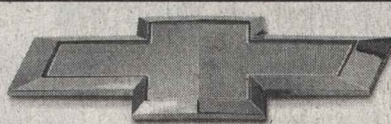
The talk will be followed by a meeting of the Stewards and others interested in the Town's conservation lands to go over plans for the coming year and consider any issues identified on conservation lands. Information on the Stewardship Program in Wilmington is on the Planning and Conservation Department webpage. The talk and meeting are open to the public.

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Paul Galello, Principal of the Dewing School gave a book mark to each of the students who attended the Tewksbury Public Library last Wednesday evening. Lillian Johnson, age 5 and a Dewing School student, attended this annual event.

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Thirty of Mrs. Galvin and Mr. Cain's eighth grade students went to the Boutwell Early Childhood Center in honor of Dr. Seuss' birthday last week. The eighth graders read some of their own favorite Dr. Seuss books to the kindergarten students. After the book reading the students did an art project together. Here, the 8th grader (with the hat) is Nolan Ryan. Courtesy Photo

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Senator Finegold announces office hours in Tewksbury

Senator Barry Finegold and staff will hold open office hours Friday, March 21st in Lawrence, Andover, Dracut and Tewksbury. Office hours will be held at the following locations and times:

Lawrence: Lawrence Public Library, 3rd Floor (Robert Frost Room) 51 Lawrence St., 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.
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Dracut: Parker Memorial Library, 2nd Floor (Study Room), 28 Arlington St., 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
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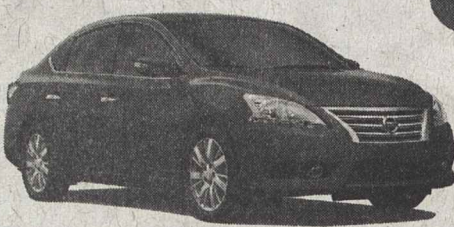
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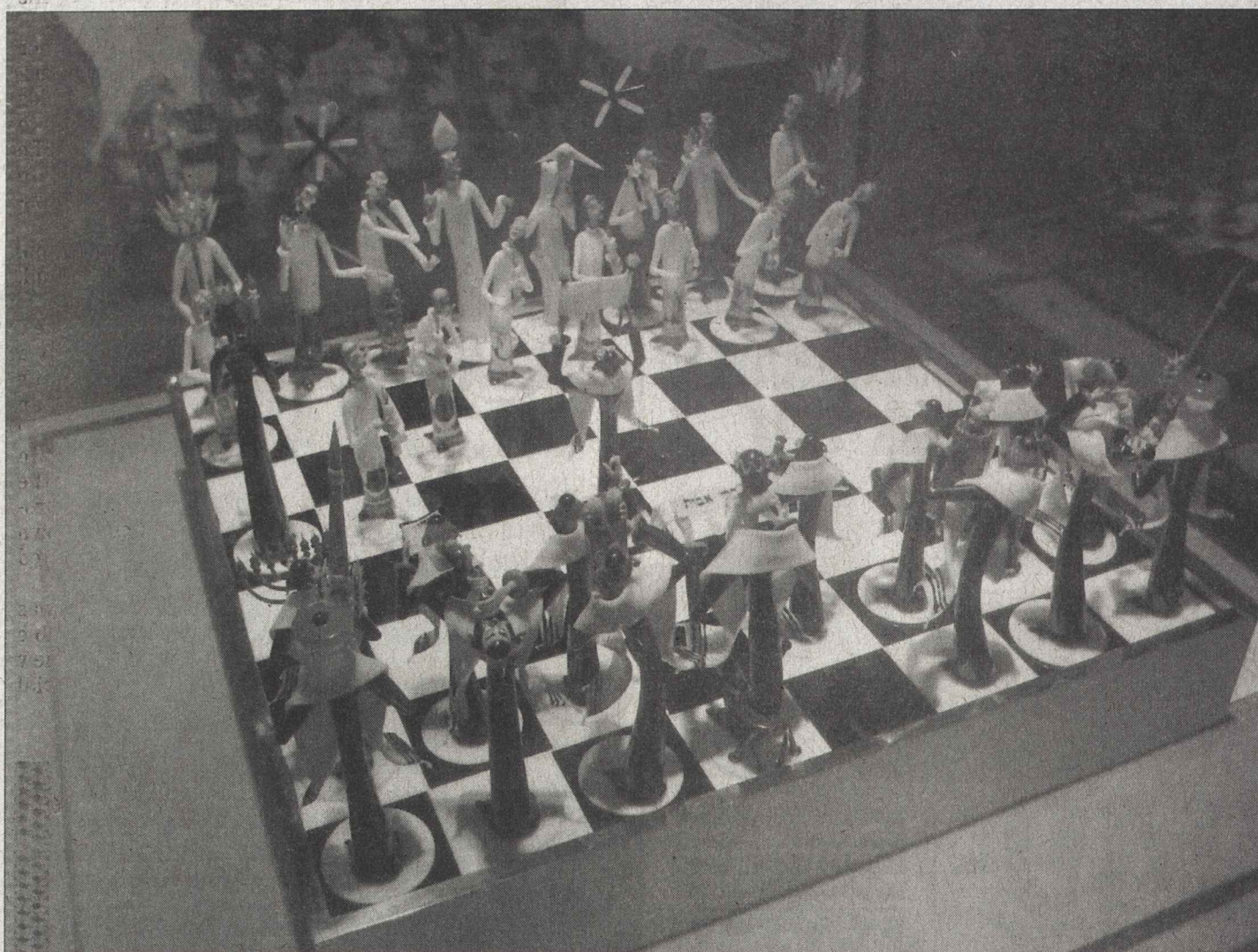
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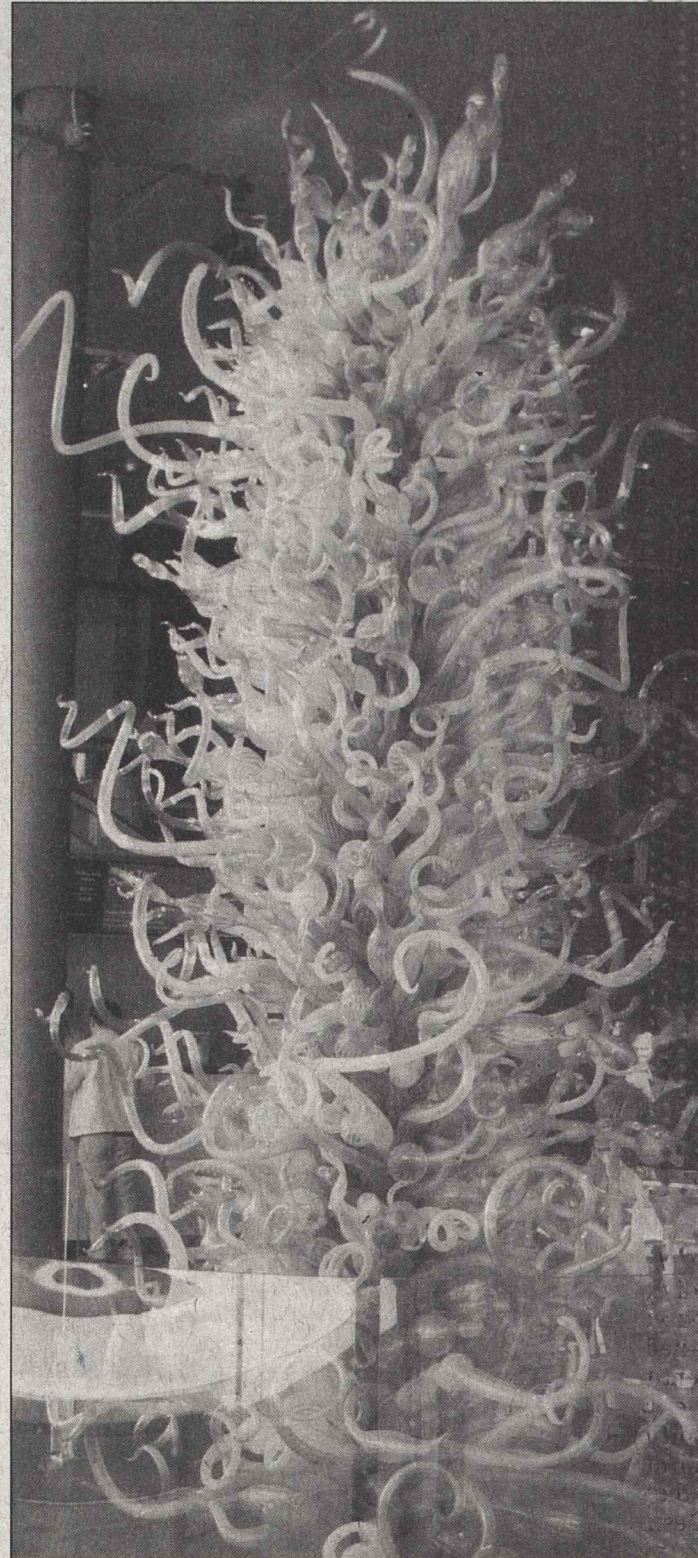


Chess anyone?

An ornate glass chessboard, one of several on display. The detail of the characters and the subtleties of their expressions are great fun.

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The Art & History of Glass



Chihuly's brilliance

A giant glass tree sculpture created by world famous glass artist Dale Chihuly, on display at the Corning Museum of Glass.

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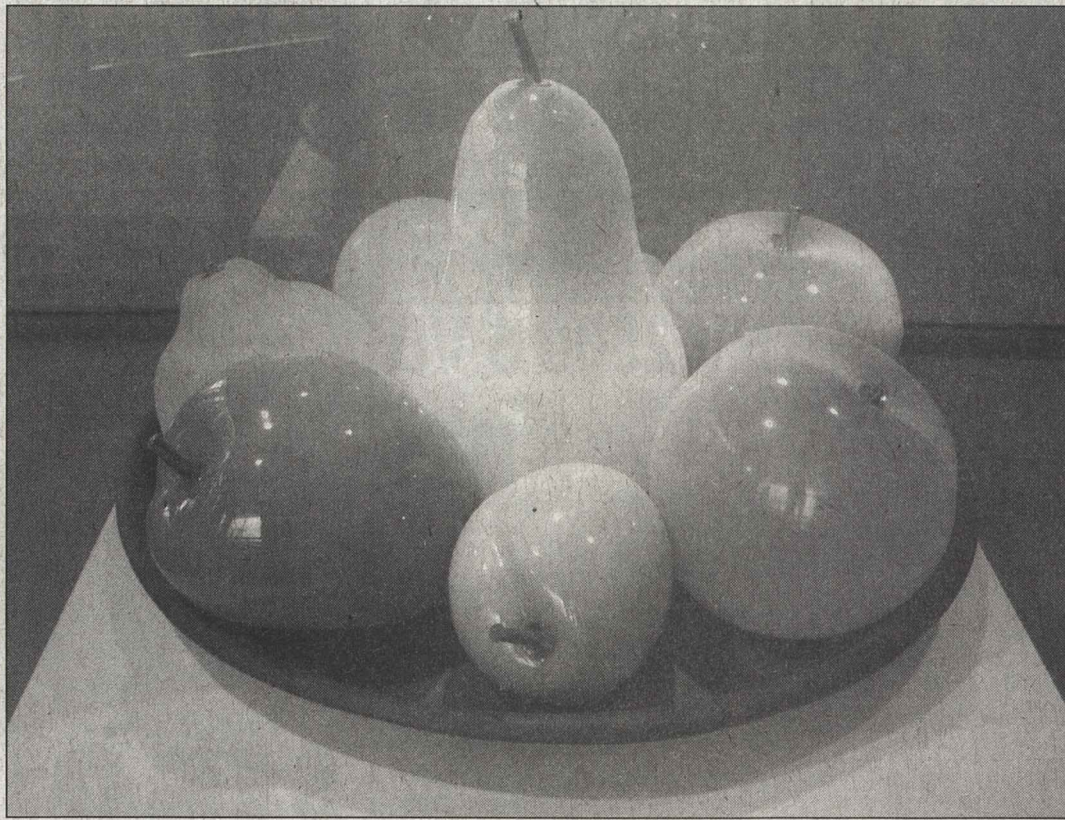
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If you are looking for a family trip that has something for everyone, consider visiting the Corning Museum of Glass in Corning, New York. The museum is worthy of a visit for one or two days if you can swing it, and perhaps could be combined with a trip to other central New York State attractions. We visited on our way back from Niagara Falls, a trip report in itself for another day.

What is instantly apparent at the Corning Glass Works is the depth of the role glass has played not only in our history, but the role it will play in our future. Family-friendly exhibits explore the science of glass. Continuous live presentations engage the public in such experiments as the strength of shatterproof glass, the data carrying ability of fiber optics, the sound quality of glass, and the recycle-ability of the material. Whether it is the use of glass in the space program, the automobile industry, or the very familiar Corelle dishware, patrons will recognize and possibly be surprised how much glass surrounds us.

Beyond the science of glass is the entire world of glass as art. Floor after floor of ancient, religious, decorative and contemporary works are displayed. Each work is more spectacular than the last, be it a Frank Lloyd Wright window, a Louis Comfort Tiffany lamp, or a Dale Chihuly sculpture. From the smallest Victorian pendant, to ornate Islamic vases, to the breathtaking paperweights of the world, every visitor will find some aspect of this collection captivating. There are even scavenger hunts designed to move children through the exhibits, and mine enjoyed examining each case for the Detective's Challenge. My boys loved the collection of glass chess boards since that is a passion they share.

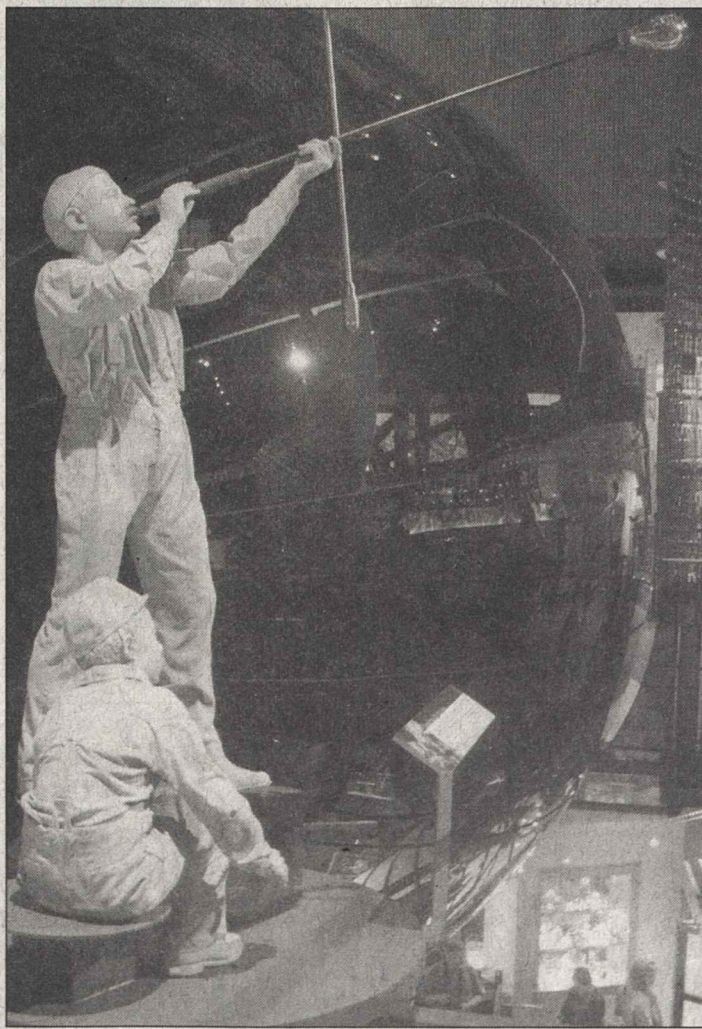
A second building houses the Steuben Glass collection,



A bowl of superfruit, part of the modern art glass gallery at the CMOG.

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thousands of stunning works in their own right. Do not miss the Hot Glass Show, where glassblowing is conducted right before your eyes. In fact, the gift shop is a museum unto itself, and items created in the show are later available for purchase. The town of Corning also is home to the Norman Rockwell Museum of Western Art, for which you can buy combo tickets if your time allows. Several national hotel chains are in the area for lodging. A quaint downtown with an arts-flair is walkable and welcoming. We ate at a local pizza place, but there are several nice eateries covering a range of tastes. While this is a tourist destination, the area does not have that feel. There is even a lovely nature preserve nearby, part of the campus of a local community college, where we did some letterboxing and bird watching. You may want to include a Finger Lakes winery and try a challenging hike up the steps at Watkins Glen while you are in the area. Add CMOG to your list! www.CMOG.org



Early twentieth century glass blowers, part of the glass blowing gallery at CMOG.

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Wilmington Recreation newsletter online

Check out our current listing of Wilmington Recreation programs, tickets and trips. This edition includes information about our upcoming summer programs including Tiny Tots/Kids Club and Playground.

The newsletter is available at the Wilmington Memorial Library, the Buzzell Senior Center and in the Recreation Department in Town Hall, Room 8. If you prefer to read it online, go to www.wilmingtonma.gov.

Once there, click on the

Recreation prompt to open the Recreation Department's webpage. This site has multiple links that will allow you to easily browse through our offerings!

Our newsletter is updated quarterly in August, November, February and May. While there, click on "Subscribe to E-Alerts" to receive an e-mail each time we update our newsletter. Sign up for "Recreation News" today!

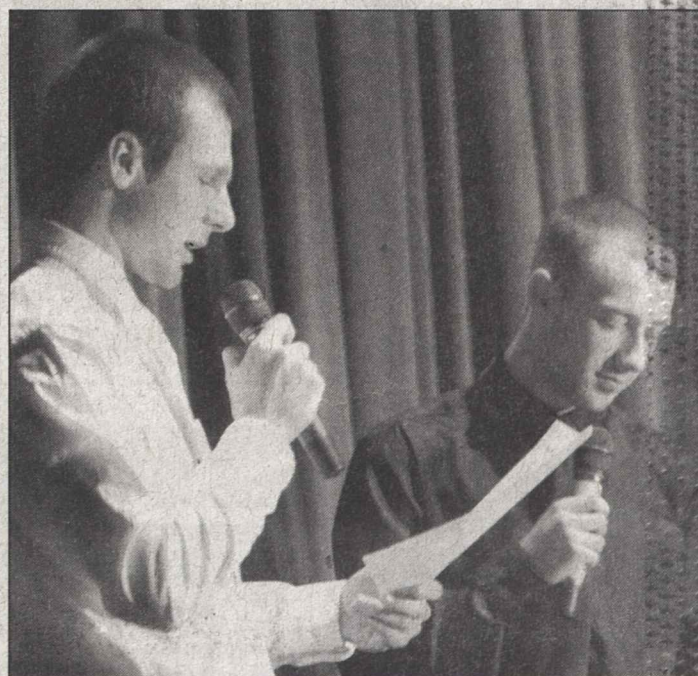
Goodwin makes Dean's List

Carolyn Goodwin of Tewksbury, Mass. has been named to the Dean's List for the fall 2013 semester at Salve Regina University. Goodwin is a senior majoring in Art History.

To qualify for the dean's list, full-time undergraduate students must earn a minimum grade point average of 3.6 with no grade below a

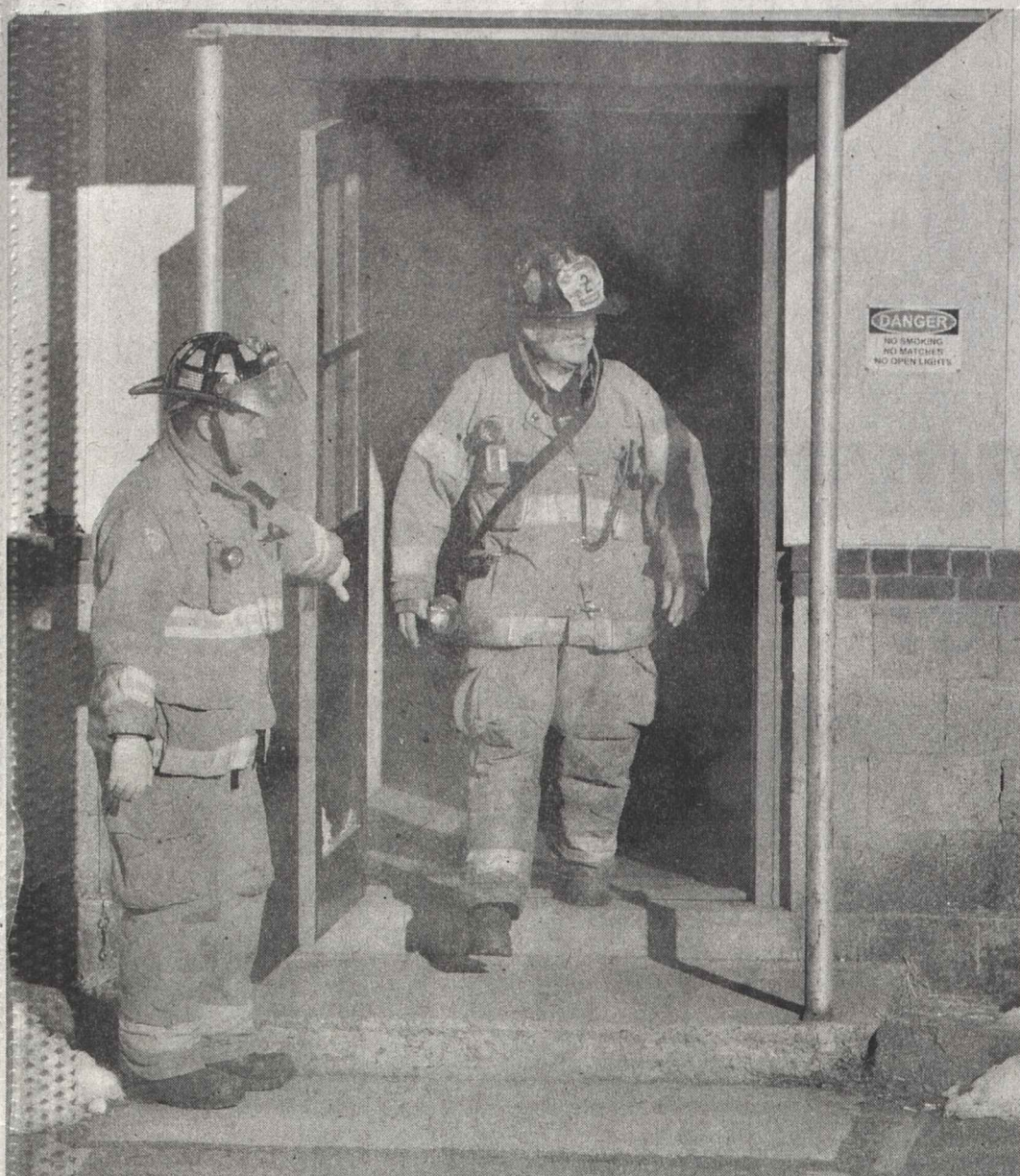
"B" in that semester.

Salve Regina, a Catholic, co-educational university founded by the Sisters of Mercy, enrolls more than 2,500 undergraduate and graduate students. Its 80-acre oceanfront campus is in the heart of the Ochre Point-Cliffs National Historic District.



Craig Smith and Vinny Poli hosted the WHS 9th Annual Talent Show held at the school on Friday evening. A change of attire between each act.

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Wilmington Fire Officials are exiting the building where the flash fire happened on Thursday morning. The sign to the right of the door states no smoking, no matches, as the materials manufactured in the facility are highly flammable. JoeBrownPhoto.com

Two men injured in flash fire at manufacturing facility

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individuals who were injured, and basically just waited for the fire department to come."

He said Wilmington police and fire dispatch received a call at 7:36 a.m. to respond to the facility.

Desmond said that one of the victims was wounded and shirtless. Medflight took him to Massachusetts General Hospital.

"According to the fire department, there was a flash fire," said Mike Lombard, President of AllCoat Technologies. "We're investigating the route cause of the accident. There was no damage to the facility or anything like that."

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), a flash fire is a sudden, intense fire caused by the ignition of a mixture of air and a dispersed flammable substance (i.e. gas leak, vapor cloud, combustible dust). Flash fires are characterized by high

temperature, short duration, and a rapidly moving flame front.

AllCoat Technology manufactures water-based and solvent-based polyurethane resins, coatings and adhesives. The firm has been producing resins and coatings since 1923.

According to a spokesperson from the State Fire Marshall's office, Jennifer Mieth, the incident was accidental.

"My understanding is that two workers were mixing a resin in a container with other chemicals. The investigators believe that static electricity ignited the vapors of the chemicals," said Mieth who confirmed that Allcoat had all the correct permits and was up to date.

In addition to police, the Wilmington Fire Department, OSHA, and the Massachusetts State Fire Marshall also tended to the explosion.

Jeff Erskine, Area Director in the Andover Federal OSHA office, stated that the

matter is under investigation. OSHA looks at the incident from a worker health and safety issue. The agency has up to six months to look at the processes, policies, and training programs in place to determine if they meet requirements and, if not, issue citations.

The company's website also discusses environmental health and safety stating, "At AllCoat Technology, the safety and health of our workers, customers suppliers and community is paramount. We will provide the best information and training on the safe use and handling of our products and equipment to every person necessary. AllCoat's high safety standards will not be compromised. It is every workers (sic) responsibility to know and follow our safety procedures and to utilize their area of expertise in making this a safe workplace and a healthy environment."

Nelson bows out

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for not providing the competition and debate to this year's race."

He said he wished current members seeking re-election Judy O'Connell and Michael McCoy the best. Both of them are seeking re-election.

Nelson identified the budget, the high school construc-

tion, and adding term limits as some of his top issues.

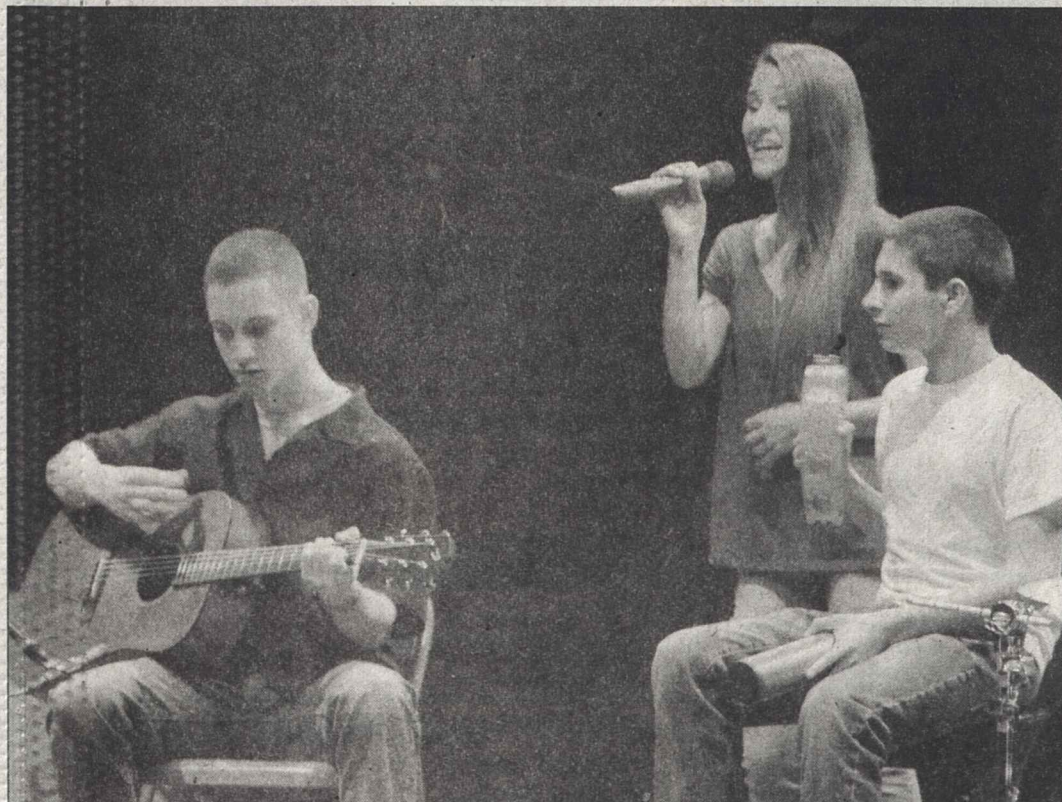
As previously reported in the Crier, the only contested race in town is for school committee. Ginny Bonish, a current member of the committee, is seeking re-election. Dr. Leslee Quick decided to not run for another term.

Bonish will be joined by Donna Leone, who sought a

seat on the committee last year, and Steve Bjork, the former editor of this publication and the 2013 recipient of the Good Guy award.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce, WCTV, and the Town Crier will host Candidates' Night at the WCTV studio on Tuesday, April 8, from 6 to 8:30 pm.

The election is April 26.



Shannon Sullivan, Craig Venezia and Joey Tassone won third place with "Ho Hey" by the Lumineers and "Let Her Go" by Passenger at the WHS talent show last Friday night.

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Whitefield demolition one step closer

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study. At the end of that, they could present their findings to town meeting.

"We're simply asking for any opportunity to explore possibilities," she said. "We're simply asking for additional time [to educate the community]."

The school is the last remaining early twentieth century building in town, she said. It derives its name from George Whitefield, a preacher and prominent figure in revolutionary America.

"The namesake itself... that's probably the most famous part of the building," she said.

Town Manager Jeff Hull came to the meeting with estimates. He said that it would cost about \$3 to \$5 million to renovate the building. Demolition would be about \$120,000 to \$150,000, but it could be higher, because the school contains asbestos.

Board of Selectman Chairman Michael McCoy said it was evident that the property was "in need of desperate work," and his colleagues agreed.

But Selectman Michael Champoux was the only one who thought that the demolition should wait one year.

"I am of the feeling... that the building ought to come down," he said, later adding, "I don't think we need to necessarily rush headlong into the idea of taking the building down."

All of them agreed that it should come before town meeting.

George Hooper, the Public Buildings Superintendent, said that a major problem with the building is its roof.

"The roof is leaking," he said. In order to save it, they'd have to replace the roof—which he said he wouldn't have put in a request to do, had this discussion not arisen.

Frank West, a former selectman, argued that there were many uses for the building. He specifically referenced the Foster School in Tewksbury, which was turned into apartments. He also cited the renovations of the West School.

But Selectmen Lou Cimaglia and McCoy said the West School comparison didn't work.

"Frank, we can't compare apples and oranges," McCoy said.

West had also suggested putting a tarp over the building while the commission conducted its study, but Hooper said he wouldn't be comfortable sending his men into the building.

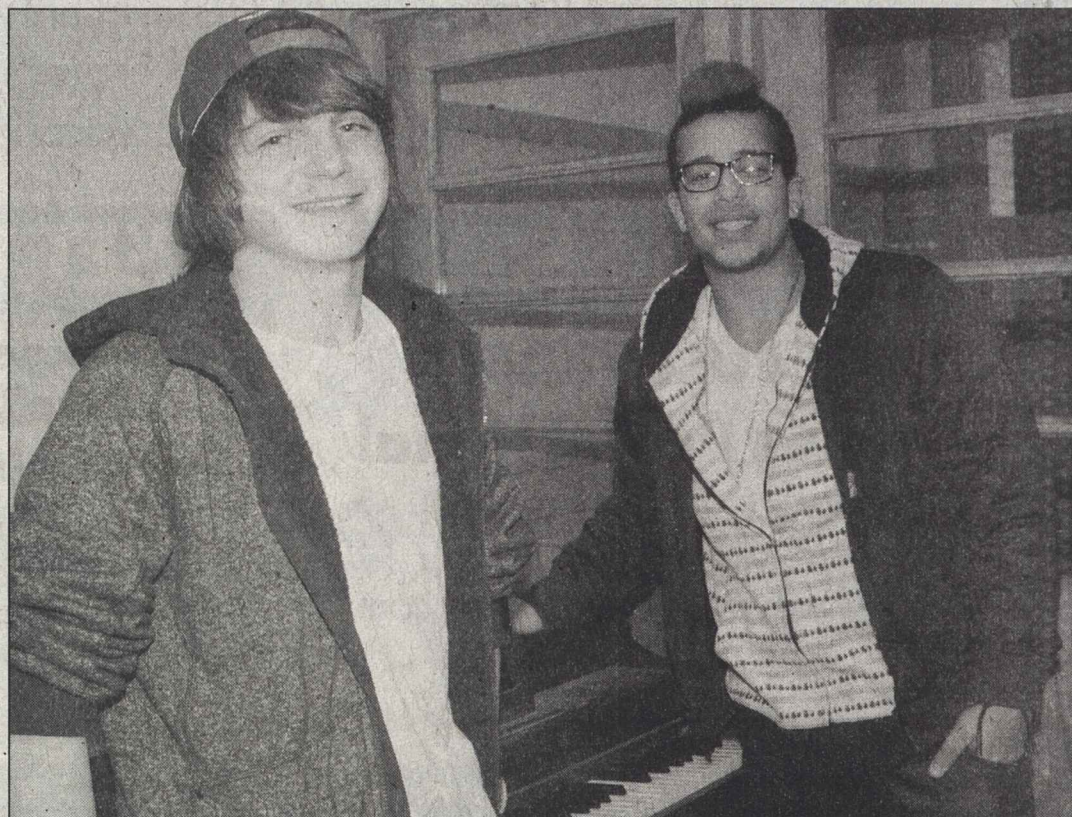
Carolyn Harris, the former chairwoman of the commission, echoed Black Reynolds and encouraged the Board to give them some time. She said she was surprised to learn about this in the newspaper.

Black Reynolds was, too. The commission, she said, was "stunned."

McCoy said that he knew the Whitefield School was a sensitive issue, and that's why he gave everyone an opportunity to speak.

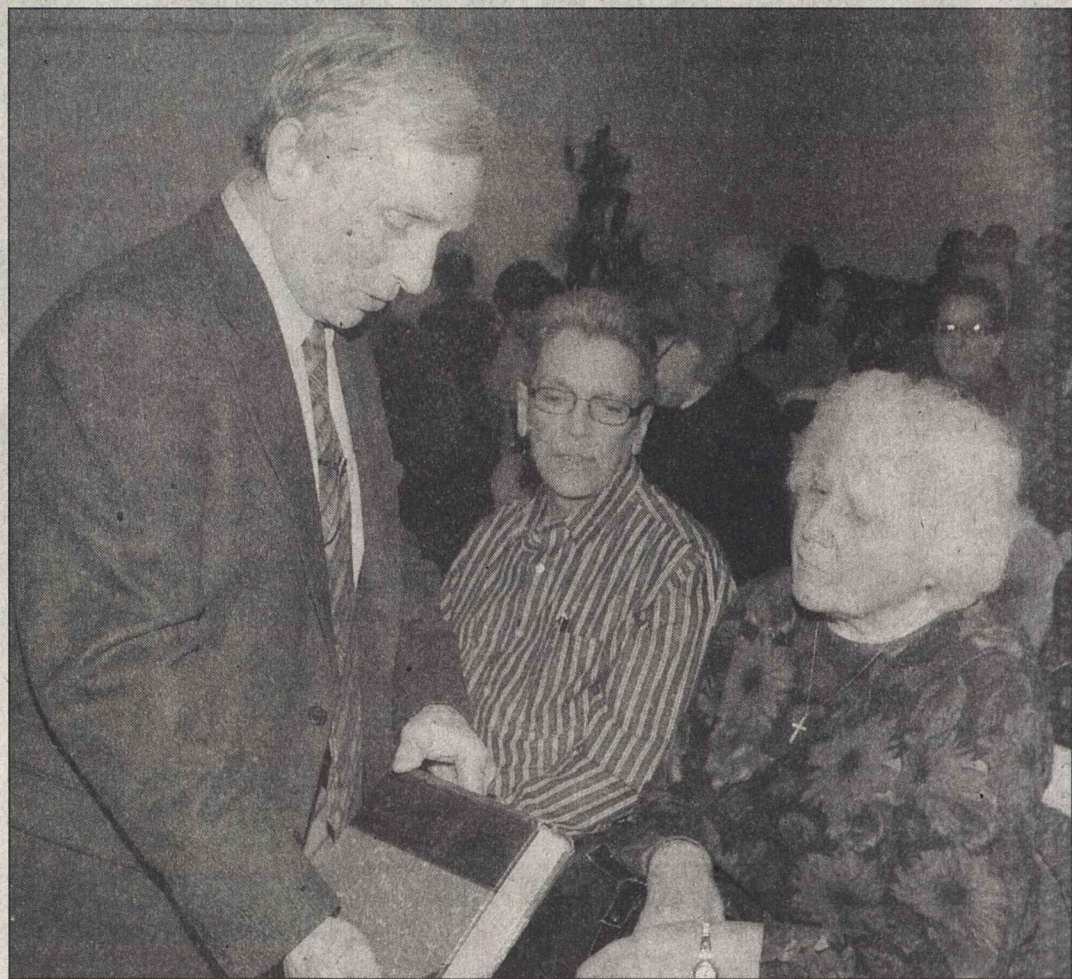
The Board voted 4-1 in favor of bringing the Whitefield demolition proposal to this year's town meeting. Champoux voted no.

The Whitefield School was once considered a possible location for a new Wilmington Memorial Library.



Kenneth Anderson and Darrien James performed "Shook Ones Part II remix" at the WHS Talent Show on Friday evening. Video of the performance of another act, the band Think Twice is on the Crier website: www.HomeNewsHere.com (http://homenewshere.com/wilmington_town_crier/news/article_e61a6414-a6e6-11e3-b1e2-001a4bcf887a.html)

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Ken Gloss visited the Wilmington Memorial Library on Tuesday evening. Throughout the program he explained what makes a book valuable and gave appraisals on books brought to the event. Pictured from l-r: Ken Gloss, Bernard Lyon and Margery Spear.

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Shriner's for the Fourth?

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Aleppo Shriners property is not the preferred venue for the Fund on the Fourth Celebration, other than as a temporary, one year solution," he wrote. "We trust that, as was stated by the Board of Selectmen members during the December 16, 2013 meeting, the process of evaluating options for 2015 and beyond will begin in June of this year."

He wrote that they're also going to request permission from the Board of Selectmen to use the Town Common area "on, at a minimum, the morning of July 4, 2014, for the purpose of having some of our traditional 'Family Day' events."

"It remains the position of the Committee that the

of the parking lot for the new High School to allow the area to accommodate the carnival in 2015 and beyond."

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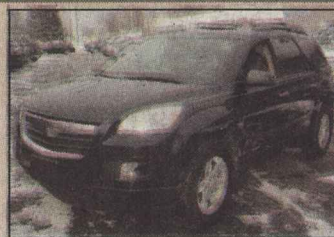
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A game and a season for the ages



Wilmington's defenseman Mike Marcinkowski lets a shot go late in the game, with two Reading defenders sliding in for the (missed) block during Monday night's five-overtime loss to the Rockets held at the Tsongas Center in Lowell. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Wildcats fall in 5-OT thriller in Div. 1 North Sectional Finals

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LOWELL - It was high school hockey at its best.

Certainly there was disappointment on the faces of the Wilmington players, coaches and fans, but there was no disappointment in the two-and-a-half hours of pure entertainment on the Tsongas Center ice on Monday night.

The Wilmington High School Boys' Hockey team's absolutely incredible three-year run came to a halt during an epic Division 1 North Sectional final contest against neighbor Reading. The two teams slugged it out for three goals each during three fantastic periods of hockey before two separate six minute overtime periods still couldn't determine a winner.

The game then went to a shoot-out, three different intervals, eleven rounds and 22 players in all before

Reading's Mike Thomson ended it. His goal lifted the Rockets to the 4-3, five-overtime thriller and into the state championship game on Sunday at the TD Garden, the same place this Wildcat team celebrated with back-to-back state titles each of the past two years.

Before this loss, Wilmington defeated three teams in the state tournament, including Matignon, 3-2, Medford 1-0 in two overtimes and then Arlington, 3-2 in overtime. All in all the Wildcats went toe-to-toe against the best teams in the state, playing a total of 207 gritty, fantastic and gutrenching minutes of tournament hockey.

Wilmington's season ends with a record of 15-4-7 overall not to mention an amazing three-year run which would be nearly impossible to repeat anytime soon. The Wildcats won two Division 2 state titles and two Division

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The Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team finished as the Division 1 North Sectional Finalists after a remarkable season which ended on Monday night in a five overtime thriller against Reading held at the Tsongas Center. Accepting the trophy along with head coach Steve Scanlon include assistant captain Drew Foley, left, and captain Luke Foley. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Drew exceptional even in the 11th hour

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LOWELL - When Reading's Michael Thomson had finally beaten him in the 11th round of an epic shootout in Monday's 4-3 loss to the Rockets in the Division 1 North Sectional final at the Tsongas Center, Wilmington High senior goalie Drew Foley slumped back in his net, devastated with the loss.

It was no doubt an unfamiliar feeling for Foley. He had never been beaten in 13 previous tournament games in leading the Wildcats to consecutive Division 2 titles in 2012 and 2013 before carrying them to Monday's sectional final in the Wildcats first season in Division 1.

The loss put an end to not only a brilliant career for Foley which included those two state titles, but also to an incredible senior season and post season where he had three regular season

shutouts and a 1.68 Goals Against Average. That impressive stat went to an even higher level in the post-season.

In leading the Wildcats to the sectional finals, Foley was spectacular in wins over Matignon (3-2), Medford (1-0 in overtime) and Arlington (3-2 in overtime). That all came before an incredible effort on Monday where he made 40 saves to give his team a chance to win against the more skilled Rockets.

"Both teams battled," Wilmington coach Steve Scanlon said. "They had a little bit of an edge on us, but as usual our goalie kept us in there."

Just as he had been countless times in previous tournament games, Foley was at his best on Monday when his team needed him most, specifically in the third period and overtime when one mistake could have cost his team the game and their

season.

In the third period alone he came up with three or four big saves on point blank chances by Reading, including one on the talented Thomson with 11:18 left after a Wilmington turnover in their own end and an incredible glove save on the Rockets Robert DiLoreto with 7:13 left.

Foley was even better in the overtime periods where Reading had several chances to win the game, particularly in the second overtime when the Wildcats found themselves shorthanded in a 4-on-3 situation. It was a golden opportunity for Reading, but Foley, along with Wildcats penalty killers Cody McGowan, Jimmy Davey and Luke Foley kept the Rockets at bay to force the shootout, with Drew Foley coming with a pair of great saves first with 1:45 left and then a brilliant glove save with a minute left.

"That's tough to do,"

Scanlon said. "There's a lot of ice back there, but they did a great job, deflecting shots and everything. We got fortunate a couple of times, where they just missed, but Drew made a couple of great saves."

In the shootout, Reading beat Foley on each of their first two shots with Matt and Michael Thomson doing the honors for the Rockets, but Foley stood his ground for the next eight rounds while his teammates evened the shootout at 2-2, including five sudden death rounds before Michael Thomson finally snuck the winner by him in the 11th round to send the Rockets to the state finals.

"This was Drew's first playoff loss. He's been an incredible goalie and he's a huge reason we have gone as deep as we have," Scanlon said. "The fact that we are in the tournament again this year has a lot to do with him."

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Scanlon duo now in the records books

Steve joins his father in the 300-win plateau

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BILLERICA - In last week's edition, it was said that Steve Scanlon was two wins away from achieving the 300-win plateau. However going through records we were a few games off, and he actually won his 300th game in last Wednesday's thrilling overtime win over Arlington in the Division 1 North sectional semi-finals played at the Chelmsford Forum.

Obviously the 300 wins is an incredible accomplishment. But what's more amazing about it is Steve joins his father Dick Scanlon, who in his final season coaching WHS Baseball after 21 years won his 300th game.

The Town Crier has done extensive research to find out if any father-son have won 300 games while coaching in the same town in Massachusetts and we believe the Scanlons are the first. However, Bob and Dick Licare both won over 400 games as basketball coaches at North Andover and Central Catholic, respectively.

Dick Scanlon coached the WHS Baseball team for 21 years from 1980 to 2001, and also coached the boys' soccer team from 1982 to 1999. In baseball, he won his 300th game during his final season of coaching before passing away three weeks later in the middle of June of 2011. The Wildcats came from behind to defeat Rockport, 14-11, and after the game was over the team gathered around Scanlon in celebration of his milestone and that was the last time he coached at WHS.

Steve Scanlon played three sports at WHS and then came back after his days at Curry College and became the JV Boys Hockey coach before taking over the reigns during the 1991-'92 season. He has been there ever since. He also filled in on an interim basis for his father as the head boys' soccer coach during the fall 2000 season, which came after a terrific eight-year run as the head coach at Westford which included winning a state championship in 1992.

In 2001, after the one-year interim status Steve was named his father's replacement in the fall of 2011 and this past fall he enjoyed his 15th season and now has a career mark of 166-70-40.

Between the two of them, they have combined to coach 78 seasons between baseball, hockey and soccer. They have combined for 600 wins in baseball and soccer, and approximately another 300 combined wins in soccer.

The Scanlon name as been

involved coaching at WHS since 1980, and last Wednesday the name carries on with yet another incredible milestone with Steve following in his Dad's footsteps and winning 300 games.

"To be in a small club with my father is pretty cool," said Steve. "He coached his whole life and I owe him a lot. I learned so much from him. It's an honor."

Steve's official record as WHS Hockey coach is 300-153-54.

Hum-Baby

Dick Scanlon spent 31 years as a teacher at WHS. He didn't become a teacher until he was 35 years old, after spending years in the pharmaceutical business. He was a tremendous athlete growing up, mostly in baseball and track and was once scouted by the Brooklyn Dodgers.

In 1970 he became the baseball coach at Austin Prep, then went to Wakefield and returning to Austin Prep for a short time before settling in for good for the 1980 baseball season. During that time, he won the WHS Teach of the Year award ten times, was named either a Town Crier, Lowell Sun or Merrimack Valley Conference Coach of the Year another ten times. He won three Division 3 sectional titles in soccer, including taking a team that won five games in 1996 to a team that went to the state final the following year.

He also won a sectional title in baseball, and coached three players who had ties with professional baseball: Jason Bere, who had 11 years at the MLB level; Mike Alonardo, who pitched briefly in independent ball; and Matt McManus, who have a terrific career at Norrtheastern and then pitched a season overseas in the Netherlands. Dick Scanlon also coached Sean Kerrigan, who helped UMass-Lowell in the NCAA Division 2 World Series.

Dick had a very unique way of coaching. He was an expert at getting kids to play for him and for each other, he was an expert in pushing their buttons and putting them in the right sports to succeed. He had a way about him that made it so much fun and so enjoyable not only as a coach but as a person, father and friend.

"Dick was a wonderful coach," said his wife Kay. "He just had that calm way about him. I think because he started out in business before he got into coaching, he just really appreciated that lifestyle of teaching and coaching more than other people. He was just so

calm and just was always trying to get the best out of kids.

"His background in human behavior helped that, but he was no nurturing with those kids, and especially his own kids. He was an absolutely wonderful father."

Dick and Kay had four children together - three boys Richard, Stephen and Michael along with one daughter Susan. Growing up, sports was a big part of the Scanlon household.

"Stephen was always into sports starting out at a very young age," said his mother. "He just loved the skating. We had a swamp in the backyard and he would beg us to take him out there, and he would beg us to take him to the Wilmington Skating Club in Andover. It was an outside rink back then and Stephen just loved hockey."

"Stephen has always been a fierce competitor. He's eleven months younger than his older brother Richard and he always was trying to catch up to Richard in sports. They were very competitive boys."

Dick was and Kay still is very close to all four of their children. But Steve was the only child to follow in his father's footsteps with teaching and coaching. The two of them shared an incredible bond together.

"The two of them were always so connected," said Kay. "I think Stephen has become more and more like his father than older he gets. Dick was always very fair as a coach and I think Stephen is too. Stephen evaluates kids. He sees what they can do best and sees what they don't do as well and he never degrades a kid and Dick never did either."

"Dick was really a wonderful guy and Stephen is very much like that. He's also a wonderful husband and father, and has a very supporting wife (in Tina)."

Dick and Steve have never been about the glory, the trophies or the milestone wins. People who think that are completely wrong and don't know a thing about this family, and especially how much the two of them have influenced so many young adults helping them become better students, better athletes and most of all better human beings.

In the winter of 1997, Dick Scanlon was named the Town Crier's Coach of the Year after taking the boys' soccer team to the state final, losing to Gateway Regional, 1-0 on a cold, miserable night at Boston University's Nickerson Field. That same team won five games the year before.

Eleven years later, Steve took the boys' ice hockey team to the state final losing to Sandwich, 1-0. That same team won seven games the year before. Coincidence? Nope.

But numbers were never a part of what kept the father and son coming back year after year. It wasn't wins, it wasn't the players' stats and it certainly wasn't about their current age either.

"People ask me all of the time, 'Why are you still coaching when you are 65 years old? Why not? What does a number have to do with anything? It's what I like to do,'" said Dick during a 1997 Coach of the Year interview. "If the soccer team went 8-10 this season, I would still come back next season. I'm not coaching for the glory or for the money. I love the game and I love dealing with the kids."

The kids felt the same way.

"Dick is a great guy," said former WHS standout athlete Sean Kerrigan back in 1997, who has since passed away but is enshrined as a Hall of Famer joining Dick. "I learned a lot of baseball from him. I think winning



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Back in 1991, Steve Scanlon, far right, was named the WHS Boys Hockey coach and was pictured along with his father, Dick, who was the WHS Baseball and Soccer coach at the time. The Boston Globe took a picture of the two of them together (the photographer was Bill Ryerson, who has since been long employed by the Daily Times Chronicle, the owner of the Town Crier).

300 games is a wonderful accomplishment and it couldn't happen to a better guy than Dick.

"He always was so relaxed as a coach. His attitude really helped me. He taught us to relax and enjoy the game. We developed on our own and he wanted you too. He was laid back and he just let you play ball and have a good time."

A good time is what Dick was all about. He was simply one of the funniest people you could ever come across. Certainly Steve and his siblings have followed that, all having tremendous personalities and having the uncanny ability to make you laugh.

Dick was an old-school kind of a coach and Steve is today, although he has softened up quite a bit since his rookie years. They both kept things simple and didn't try to over think certain situations where other coaches do which often causes failure.

"I think coaches are both over evaluated and under evaluated," said Dick during the same 1997 interview. "Players win and lose the games, coaches don't. Players have to want to win. A coach should be judged on an overall season. I laugh when the Boston newspapers criticize [then New England Patriots coach] Pete Carroll game after game about this decision or that decision."

"Players win the individual games, not coaches and coaches should be judged on what they do for the team throughout the entire season."

"I know it sounds kind of trite, but I've taken it one game at a time, and one year at a time. When my body tells me it's time to hang it up, I will but for right now I don't feel that way. I don't understand why people look down the road and say if we beat this team and that team and if this happens, that will happen. Forget about that stuff. Just go out and perform on that say and in that game."

You Know

Steve officially took over as head hockey coach during the 1991-'92 season, as yours truly was a senior on that team. That season the team finished with a 3-11-2 overall record while playing in the Merrimack Valley Conference.

The next year the team won five games, before going to ten and qualifying for the state tournament for the first time. In the fifth year, the team finished 16-5-0 - it took four years from the team to go from three wins to 16, improving every step of the way.

Including that 1995-96 season to today, the varsity program has won 15 or more games 12 times, a phenomenal achievement considering teams play 20 regular season games.

In addition, the team has gone to five sectional championship games (1999, 2008,

2011, 2012 and 2013), winning three of them. The team has won two state championships, eight league titles (seven in the Cape Ann and one in the Middlesex League) and have qualified for the state tournament 19 of the 24 years he's been at the helm.

The last three years Scanlon and the hockey program have really received so much recognition and it's truly been an incredible run with a combined record of 52-12-14.

Obviously the state titles stick out, but Steve also had quite a run earlier in his career winning four straight league titles and seven in an eight year span. To him, reaching the 300-win plateau is certainly a great feat but he was extremely humbled by the recognition.

"It means you have been doing it along time," he said. "We've had a lot of really good players and we've had some good years. We have been blessed with some very good players and we also have had a lot of great assistant coaches throughout (the 24 years). I really don't see them as my wins, but more of the team and the program's wins."

If you ask fellow high school coaches, officials and daily sportswriters - those who truly know the game, and who have been around it for years, they will tell you that Steve Scanlon's teams are successful because he gets everything he can out of the kids, who not only play for him but for each other, and most importantly they are extremely disciplined.

The exact same thing was said about Dick - if you worked hard, played selflessly and didn't act up, there was a place for you on the team and a place for you to succeed.

Steve was asked about what things he really learned from his father's coaching tactics.

"Not strangling a team and stuff like that," said Steve. "My father was always fun to play for - he always had fun with it. I guess (this accomplishment of 300 wins) does make you reflect a little bit."

Making History

As far as records go, it's believed that Steve tied his father for having the most wins as a coach in WHS Sports History. It's not completely certain but it's believed that the next closest in line was Jim McCune with 268 and then Sue Hendee, who reached 224 this year in soccer surpassing Jan Cassidy-Wood in field hockey with 223.

However, win totals for other Hall of Fame Coaches Frank Kelley, Georgia Dadoly, Alice McCarthy and Joe Gilligan aren't known, but it's believed none of them were close to 300 wins in one sport.

That being said, it's amazing to think that the hockey team's first win of next sea-

Scanlon's hockey records year-by-year

Steve Scanlon has coached the WHS Boys Hockey team since 1991-'92 season. Here are his records year-by-year.

Year	Record
1992	3-11-2
1993	5-12-1
1994	8-12-0
1995	10-10-1
1996	16-5-0
1997	13-5-4
1998	12-7-4
1999	19-3-2***
2000	15-4-4
2001	16-5-1
2002	17-4-1
2003	10-10-3
2004	10-11-1
2005	7-12-1
2006	9-9-3
2007	7-11-2
2008	17-3-4****
2009	15-4-3
2010	21-1-1
2011	18-3-2
2012	16-4-5****
2013	21-3-2*****
2014	15-4-7

*First time team qualified for state tournament;
**D2 Sectional Finalists
***D2 Sectional winners, state finalists
****D2 State Champions
*****D2 State Champions

son will gave Steve Scanlon what's believed to be the most victories out of any coach in WHS Sports History. At that point he will surpass his father, who not only taught so many of us many life and athletic lessons, but about humor and most importantly about families.

"You know I was always jealous of sports and how it took time away from our family, but I learned as I got older how sports is a wonderful thing and has taught all of us so much," said Kay. "Stephen went to Dick a lot for help, whether he was having problems as a coach, or whatever it was and the two of them made a great team."

"I always remember at the dinner table all they did was talk sports. I'm very proud of Stephen just like I was of Dick."

But like a true Scanlon, who truly doesn't care about wins or losses, trophies and headlines, Kay added that her eyes caught what her son was doing moments after the hockey team's five-overtime loss to Reading.

"After the game was over, Stephen went up the goalie (Drew Foley) and put his arm around him twice," said Kay. "Stephen is not an affectionate person in public. That goalie did the absolute best he could and it was so great to see Stephen console him. I know Stephen's father would have so proud of his son for that moment."



Steve Scanlon, shown here several years ago after a big win for the WHS Boys Hockey team.
(file photo/JoeBrownphotos.com).

Part 5 of series on the WHS Athletic Department

Everyone will win once new high school is completed

This is the fifth and final installment of the five-part series on the WHS Athletic Department, concentrating on the new high school and all of the facilities in town for student-athletes as well as an editorial on AD Ed Harrison, which also appears on this page.

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WILMINGTON - Athletic venues, fields or rinks are always a touchy subject when it comes to local towns and cities. Everyone gets cheated. Not all fields are in tip-top shape, not all venues are user or fan friendly and not all fields are available for use.

The Town of Wilmington has chosen to change that. In a little less than a year from now, the week after February school vacation in 2015, the new high school, new gymnasium and then after that the completion of the outside facilities will be completed. The children of the town will all finally have top notch facilities to play, practice and hold games at.

After a long process of countless meetings, motions, appeals and court rulings, the town of Wilmington started the process by tearing down the old Larry Cushing Gymnasium last February, which stood since opening the week before Christmas in 1986.

Plenty of memories were created on the parquet floors and uncomfortable seats. In less than a year from now, a new gymnasium will be completed, much like the one at the new Tewksbury Memorial High School and very similar to the one at Hudson High School.

Wilmington High School Athletic Director Ed Harrison described what the new gymnasium will be like and what it will feature.

"The gym, locker rooms, team rooms and training area will be relatively the same size in square footage (of the old ones)," he said. "Having separate areas for weight training and fitness activities will be a great asset for the physical education and health departments (at the high school)."

"One major addition to the PE/Athletic area will be the three-lane walking track that is elevated and will surround the gym. It will be a great use by our physical education classes but is also a major improvement for our indoor track program."

The gym will be state of the art - featuring multiple basketball/volleyball courts and multiple scoreboards. There will be team and coach rooms, as well as the aforementioned weight lifting area, fitness activity area, and then of course and most importantly, there will be a three-lane walking track upstairs which should drastically help and improve the indoor track programs.

The gym will benefit the volleyball and wrestling teams, as well as both the boys and girls basketball teams, not to mention the weight lifting area to help all student-athletes and an area for the cheerleaders.

But that's hardly scratching the surface of the improvements that are scheduled. Outside of the high school, the baseball field will be turned slightly and in the right field area now will be new tennis courts and basketball courts.

Then on the opposite side, to the left of the turf field, will feature "an additional one hundred yard grass field which will be located at the Wildwood end of the project," said the AD. "It will also incorporate a softball field in one of the corners."

That softball field will be a grass field, whereas the field

turf which went in this past fall will remain as is and will continue to be used by the football, field hockey and boys and girls soccer teams. The softball team however will continue to play its games at Aprile Field.

"We were able to enjoy our new turf field at Alumni Stadium this past fall," said Harrison. "It received plenty of use between football, field hockey, boys and girls soccer games and practices,

the field was used most nights until 8 pm. This spring I anticipate the field to get quite a bit of use as well with track, and boys and girls lacrosse games and practices held there."

The football and field hockey programs play all of their varsity games at the high school turf field. The soccer and lacrosse teams play or will play about half of their home games on the field turf and the other half on their

other home field whether it's at the Shawshen or North Schools for soccer, or Woburn Street for lacrosse.

"Our fall and spring teams will receive between four and five night games that will be held at Alumni Field," he said. "The remainder of their home games will be played on grass fields during the afternoon. I am a firm believer that you should play your games on both grass and

field turf fields. You will play teams during the course of the season on grass and also in the tournament. Teams and student-athletes should be ready for both.

"When scheduling night games, we try to space them out so the student-athletes aren't out every night of the week. We also have started to initiate some new rivalries since entering the Middlesex League and we

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Harrison has certainly done his job

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I have known Ed Harrison for a long time, well before he became athletic director here at Wilmington High School eleven years ago. He had grown up with my mother and has been friendly with her and my other family members for a long time. He coached my two brothers when they played football at WHS and I was friendly with his kids growing up. So perhaps this editorial is a bit biased because I like the guy and always have.

I have always liked and respected Ed Harrison for as long as I can remember. He's a very hard working, family oriented person, who is personable, fun to be around, funny, engaging and is incredibly respectful. He's been the same way for as long as I've known him. He hasn't changed one bit, whether I knew him as my friend's father, as the football coach, as a gym teacher when I was at WHS or now as the athletic director. He hasn't changed one bit.

When former WHS Athletic Director Jim Gillis retired, I wasn't sure who would replace him. Certainly Harrison's name came to mind but at that time I was

n't sure if he would get it after the ordeal he had to go through in the early 90s thanks to some misguided school officials (and we still have some). I wasn't sure who would get it.

Then I remember I was at a high school softball game and former coach Paul Lyman broke the news to me that Harrison was just named the school's fourth athletic director in school history. I was ecstatic, and so was Lyman and we were both in agreement that Harrison would do a great job. And he has.

For the past eleven years Harrison really has strived under his role as the school's athletic director. He's extremely organized whether it's the daily grind of day-to-day operations, or whether it's schedules, parent-athlete-coach meetings and photo days prepared and followed through properly.

He also has the regular game details always ironed out with school officials, paid contractors, team rosters and athletic books available - everything is usually top notch, and runs very smoothly. You certainly can't say that for so many athletic departments and athletic directors in the area. Believe me, I've been

around many others in my 20-plus years as a sports-writer.

On top of that Harrison has his hands involved in so many different areas. He's not the No. 1 person behind things like the new gymnasium, new field turf, no user's fees, the Athletic Hall of Fame organization, but he's a part of all of that stuff. He was instrumental in the program's move to the Middlesex League, among many other things here during his tenure.

He's also the one who attends so many athletic events - especially the more popular sports that attract hundreds of students who are respectfully cheering on their fellow classmates and athletes - and not being disrespectful like some of the Reading kids' were the other night. These kids aren't - for the most part - classless like so many other towns. They aren't swearing and being disrespectful. He and his staff make sure of that.

In addition to that, Harrison has his duties of representing WHS Athletics as best as he humanly possibly can. So he's the one fighting for the hockey team to remain in Division 2, fighting for the football team to remain with the rest of

the Middlesex League teams, he's the one fighting for the Thanksgiving Day game to stay intact and he's the one who sits quietly in a corner, fighting and cheering on every WHS student-athlete who fights the good fight for the Blue and White teams.

That being said, in the eleven years as athletic director, I certainly haven't agreed with everything that Ed Harrison has done, hasn't done or stands for. There have been controversies and situations - some he could have handled differently or better and some that were totally out of his hands.

In my opinion, there are coaches who should still be here, and some who should never have been hired to begin with. There have been mistakes made - certainly there have been and I'm sure there will be more. We all make them - I know I have made more than my share in my 21 years here.

That being said, in my mind the mistakes that have been at a rare minimum to say the least. In my opinion, Ed Harrison has done a marvelous job in eleven years here. He was proven that.

And that goes without saying how much I like the guy.

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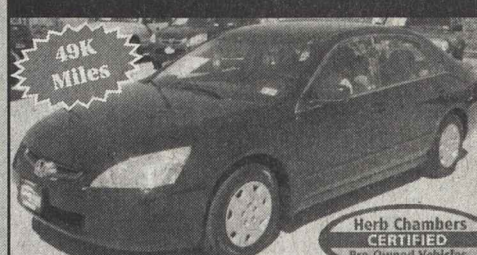
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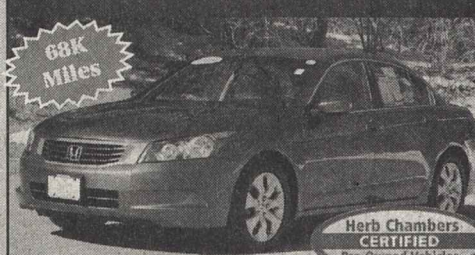
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Foleys, Wildcats prevail in OT in semi-finals

Drew's 35 saves enough to hold off Arlington

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BILLERICA -- Trailing 2-0 with 6:24 left in the first period, it appeared as if the magical run would be ending. But that's never the case when it comes to the Wilmington High School Boys' Hockey team. They just never quit, and never stop coming at you.

The Wildcats scored the game's next three goals, including another one in overtime, to lift the No. 3 seed Wilmington past the No. 2 seed Arlington, 3-2, in a tremendous back-and-forth MIAA Division 1 North Sectional semi-final game played before a large and loud crowd at the Chelmsford Forum last Wednesday night.

Senior defenseman Jimmy Davey, who had struggled all night, redeemed himself by receiving a pass out of the opposite corner from teammate Cody McGowan before taking a hard slap shot from the right point. As he unleashed the shot, senior captain Luke Foley was able to create a little separation in front of the net from the Arlington defenders and redirected the shot through the wickets of goaltender Mike Schiller. That goal gave Wilmington its second straight overtime victory, this one coming with 3:28 left, putting the Wildcats into the sectional final for the third straight year.

"Shoot, shoot and shoot. Anything that goes to the net in overtime is what you want," said head coach Steve Scanlon on what he preached to the team before the six minute overtime frame. "I don't care where you throw it from, just throw it on net because anything can happen."

"I thought my defenseman, (Jimmy) Davey is usually solid but he had a tough night tonight. And you only have to be good for a couple of minutes and he took a great shot and got it off quick and Luke always does a nice job of getting in front of the net."

Arlington (15-7-1) was coming off superb wins over St. John's Prep (1-0) and St. John's of Shrewsbury (6-3) and were flying around the ice in the early goings.

The Spy Ponders scored a power play goal and a short-handed goal to take the early 2-0 and it could have been a three-goal lead by goaltender Drew Foley (35 saves) made a crucial save on a breakaway with about five minutes left in the first period. Both goals were scored by junior John Kelly, including the second one which Foley thought was redirected in by his skate.

"Their first goal was a good one - the kid snipped the top corner," said Scanlon. "But their second goal was backed in my the kid's foot and that was a little bit questionable especially in a game like this. We just said let's forget about that one and let's try to get back into the game. And (Drew is) always there. You could tell he was very upset at himself for letting that first one in - and you don't see him after a period upset like he was."

"Then he made some huge saves down the stretch. He's always been in the pressure cookers. He's always a big-game player. I've said it in both sports I have him in (including soccer) that he's the most even-keeled athlete I've ever had. He just does not rattle."

Wilmington went on the power play with 4:24 left in the period and down 2-0 but weren't able to get much going putting just one shot on net.

Seconds after the penalty was over, the game completely changed. Freshman Justin Collins had the puck in front of the net and he was stuffed on an intight situation. The puck then bounced to the right hand corner where Luke Foley retrieved it and sent a pass back to the opposite low slot area to linemate Steve DeFuria, who one-timed a shot to the inside left hand post cutting the lead in half at 2-1.

"Stevie (DeFuria) helped us claw back and that was a huge goal and helped us make it a 2-1 game and it made it manageable," said Scanlon.

The teams were even in the shot category after the first period at ten each but the second period belonged to Arlington. They held an 11-3 advantage in the shots, including the first six of the period until Wilmington finally got on with ten minutes to go. During that frame, Drew Foley made a number of big stops including a big one off the stick of Ryan Mahoney which banked off of Foley's pads.

With 8:28 left in the period, Arlington switched its goalies putting Schiller in for starter Ryan Cote something the team had been doing throughout the season. Schiller is a senior and was just recently featured in the Boston Globe in a terrific story about how he helped save his father's life.

Anyway, Schiller and Arlington had the 2-1 lead after two periods. Wilmington had a big chance to getting on the board with a power play that ran over from the second period but again couldn't get much going.

But that all changed with 12:29 left in the period. Junior sparkplug Joe Castellano, who has given the team so much energy since coming back midway through the season with an injury, took a pass from Billy Falter down the left wing boards. The defenseman had taken Castellano wide, and at the left hand circle, he unleashed a quick shot that went off the inside pad of Schiller and fell behind him past the goal line to make it an even game and a brand new one at that.

"We have been talking to Joe for a while that he was a better snapshot than anything else," said Scanlon. "He was active, he put the shot on net and look what happened. It was a huge, huge goal for us."

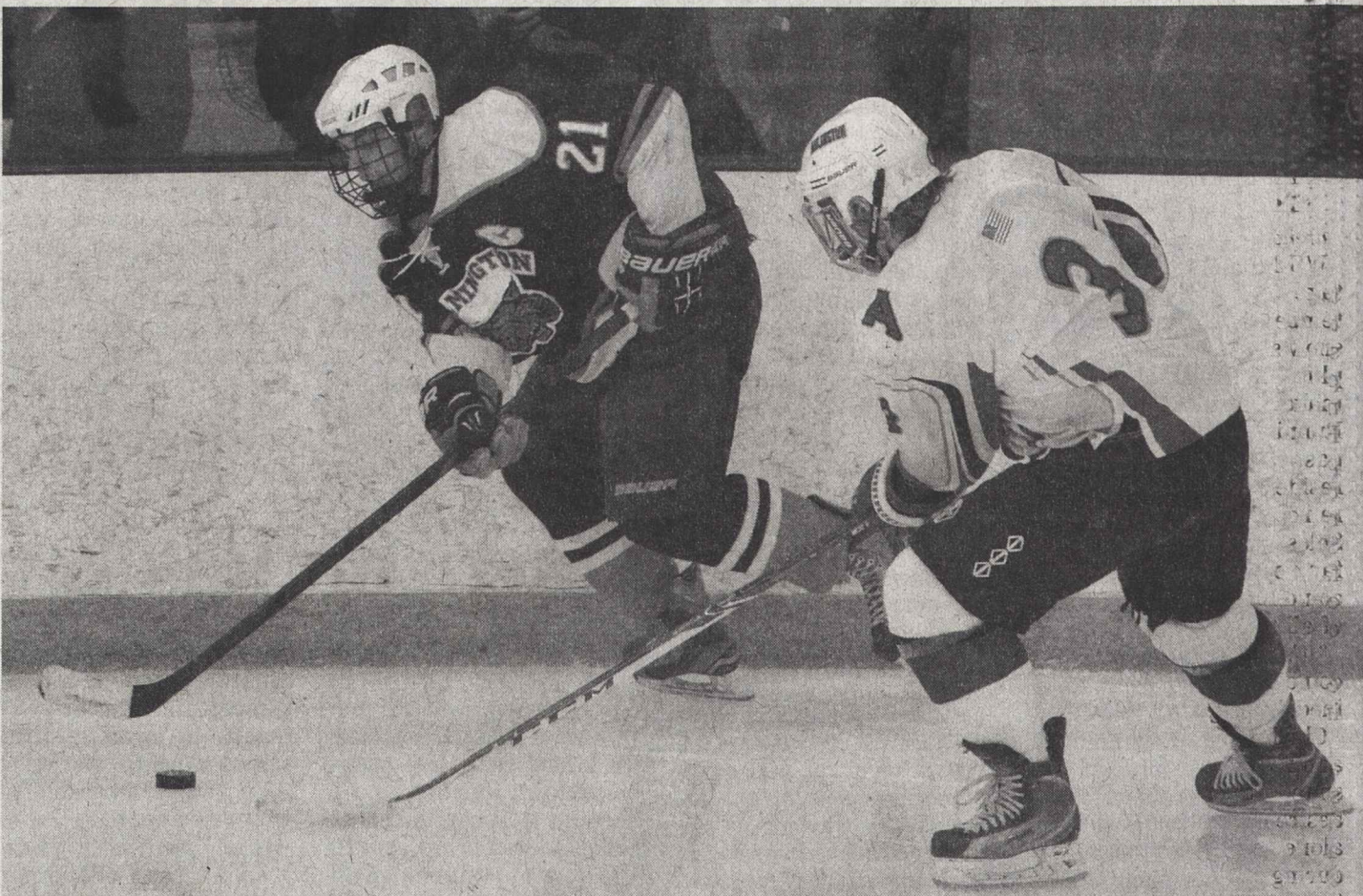
From there it was the Drew Foley show. He made two huge saves on consecutive slap shots from the point, and then a big blocker save with just a few minutes to go. He capped it off by making two saves on a wraparound chance with 1:11 to go.

Then with 57 seconds left, Wilmington was called for a penalty and were able to kill it off despite the Spy Ponders moving the puck well and putting three shots on net. Right after that chance ended, Foley made two more saves on another wraparound opportunity. Minutes later, Luke Foley and his teammates celebrated with the game winner coming in the Division 1 sectional semi-finals.

"Our league is division one so we have played those teams in the regular season but nothing replaces experience in the tournament," said Scanlon. "Just getting those games in is so important. I still have nine guys who have been all the way to the Garden twice so it does pay off for you. We got down tonight but we knew we weren't out of it. We just kept working all the way to the buzzer."

"We have a lot of gritty kids. Before we had all of that skill, we were a lunchpale team. We always put the puck in deep and tried to outwork teams. I think we still have a lot of that and we had to rely on that a little bit more this year."

"But they are a real good team. They have some real firepower, especially up top (with their forwards) and that number 12. (Kelly)."



Wilmington High senior forward Luke Foley carries the puck around the corner during last Wednesday's thrilling overtime win over Arlington in the Division 1 North Sectional semi-finals. Foley scored the game winner, tipping home a shot from the point by fellow senior Jimmy Davey. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Luke tips in game winner

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BILLERICA - Ever since the start of the third period in the team's dramatic come from behind regular season final win over Tewksbury, Wilmington High's Luke Foley has taken his game to a new level - and then some.

Last Wednesday night, the senior captain scored the game winning goal redirecting a slap shot from teammate Jimmy Davey, which landed in the back of the net giving Wilmington yet another come from behind, dramatic win.

This one came with 3:28 left in overtime to help lift the No. 3 seed Wildcats past the No. 2 seed Arlington Spy Ponders, 3-2, in the Division 1 North Sectional semi-final played at the Chelmsford Forum.

The goal put Wilmington into its third straight sectional final, where Wilmington was defeated in the fifth overtime by Reading, which included Foley adding an assist to keep his scoring streak going.

Foley was a part of the previous two sectional and state

championship titles coming the last two years in Division 2. But getting the game winner in the semi-finals against Arlington certainly will go a long way.

"We always feel that we can comeback no matter what situation we're in," he said. "We were down 2-1 in that third period and once we got that second goal to tie it up, we knew we had the momentum. Then going into overtime, we were able to capitalize on that chance."

"And to get that goal is just very exciting and such an awesome feeling to be able to get back to the Tsongas (Arena) so this is great."

Foley's dominance started with the exciting win over Tewksbury. In that one, all he did was score three goals and add an assist, figuring in four of the team's five goals in the 5-3 win. That included being a part of three of the four third period goals.

After that has come three state tournament games. He finished with a goal and two assists, figuring in all three of the team's goals in the 3-2 first round win over Matignon. He followed that up with an assist in the

team's 1-0 double overtime, win over Medford in the quarterfinal round.

Then this past Wednesday, he already had an assist in the first goal, and then later on with the game tied at 2-2, he redirected a slap shot from the point off the stick of Jimmy Davey giving him five goals and five assists in the past four games.

"That's basically my office. That's where I get most of my goals," Foley said after his 19th goal of the season. "(Davey) got the puck through and I was glad to get a tip on it."

When it comes to WHS Hockey, the team seldomly hits the panic button. Nor do they ever quit or stop working. This year's team isn't the most skilled team, but it's a team comprised of gritty and clutch performers.

"It's just about confidence and we learn to be confident and (goalie) Drew (Foley is) a big part of that," said Luke, no relation to Drew. "He stops plenty of shots and he's just so relaxed and so confident. He never panics, he always seems to know what to do and it just generates off of him to everyone

else.

"His energy and confidence bounces to you and gives people like Joe Castellano a big goal and it's huge to get those performances out of so many different people."

"We came back a lot during the regular season from 1-0 and 2-0 deficits. We have said before 'what are you going to do in the playoffs if you're down' and that's to work hard and that's exactly what we did in the third period tonight. We were down and all we tried to do was work and we all worked out butts off the entire time."

The win against Arlington puts Wilmington into the sectional final where it faced Reading on Monday night.

"We feel that we can compete with anyone," he said. "We have played division one teams all season and everyone thought we wouldn't even make the post-season because of our tough schedule, even though we played the same teams as last year. We just really came alive halfway through the season and we just rolled with it and it's really been awesome to see."



Wilmington High senior goalie Drew Foley looks into the action of play while getting help from his defensemen Jimmy Davey (20) and Chris Sartori (8) during last Wednesday's win over Arlington played at the Chelmsford Forum. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Everyone will win with new high school

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have benefitted with better attendance at those games."

And outside of the field turf is the newly renovated and painted "Frank Kelley Track" which can be used for practices and meets for the outdoor track teams. The Dick Scanlon Memorial Baseball Field, with minor changes, will remain at the high school.

Once the construction of the new school, new gym, new tennis courts and grass field are completed, it

means that no longer the tennis programs will have to practice and host matches at the Textron Courts. It means the indoor track teams will have a place to practice on, instead of running in the halls or outside in the freezing temperatures.

It also means the subvarsity teams - mostly the football, soccer, field hockey and lacrosse teams - will have a real field to practice on and host games. It means that the varsity programs

(besides football and field hockey) will be able to equally divide up night games throughout the fall and spring seasons, which should attract more fans.

"Down the road, I'd like to see the town somehow come up with another turf field," said Harrison. "Many of our Middlesex League opponents have added a second turf field recently which has helped considerably with scheduling multiple events on the same day."

Until that day, the new school and facilities will take care of all of the high school athletic teams, which will be a special moment here in this town. The only exceptions will be the aforementioned softball team playing at Aprile Field, and then the boys and girls ice hockey teams ... and that touchy subject story is for another day

Local Women's Running Club has over 100 participants

By **BRENDAN FOLEY**
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WILMINGTON-- It would take more than sub-zero temperatures and incessant snow showers to stop the 100-plus strong women who make up the Sole Sisters Running Club. Formed this past June by Wilmington resident Jill Chisholm, the ranks and popularity of the Soles Sisters has exploded far beyond what anyone could have anticipated, least of all the club's founder.

"It's so far beyond what I could have ever, ever imagined," Chisholm said.

Chisholm will happily admit that the club first took shape thanks to her simple desire to not have to run alone anymore. Especially during the winter, finding the motivation to traverse great distances can be an insurmountable task. Joining with fellow women with similar interests was a way to combat this.

"I had spent most of my life running alone," Chisholm said. "And to me, it's so much more beneficial to run in a group."

Currently, the Sole Sisters have 106 members, many of whom discovered the club through Facebook or word of mouth. Groups convene at pre-decided times, sometimes around 5 a.m. during weekdays, and run a range of distances and speeds, depending on members' goals and desires. The club is based in Wilmington, but has attracted women from many neighboring towns such as Tewksbury, North Andover and Chelmsford.

The club also features a wide variety of skill levels, with experienced marathoners exercising side by side with more freshly minted running talents. Advice and pointers are exchanged

freely, a surprising benefit that has come to represent perhaps Chisholm's greatest ambition for the club.

"We are trying to support female athletes," Chisholm said. "The women in the group have made so many connections with one another. That's been the biggest surprise to me."

With eight members training for the Boston Marathon, and an additional four prepping for the Maine Coast Marathon, the Sole Sisters running club is already displaying a high level of reward for the effort exerted over the winter.

"I really applaud the women who came out during this season," Chisholm said.

For several members, the payoff to the group experience has been almost immediate.

Just ask Tewksbury-local Kristy Bouchie, who first signed on in the summer.

"I'm a full-time working mom," Bouchie said. "I was glad that when you join the club, there's a lot of advice and mentoring."

Bouchie gave credit to the Sole Sisters for providing her with both the training and the support to enter her first half marathon in the fall, an achievement she now hopes to top as she plans for the full marathon experience.

According to Bouchie, it was the atmosphere cultivated by running alongside other women which gave her the wherewithal to improve her times and styles to the place where she can now compete in such races.

"It's an all-around great experience," she said. "The run goes by so much faster when you have someone to talk to."

Or just ask Wilmington

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Some of the local members of the Sole Sisters Running Club include: Back row from left: Jessica Strayhalaleck, Jen Kennedy, Julie Barrett, Nicki Lee, Jody Brown, Juli Hunt, Brittany Joyce, Theresa Duggan, Kim Doherty and Jen Bolanos; and front row from left, Melissa Davis, Anne Fitzler, Melinda LaConte, Nancy Lively and Samantha Pellegrini.

(courtesy photo).

resident Jenn Kennedy, who stumbled over the club's Facebook page and joined up in the autumn. Kennedy had been trying to develop a running routine following the birth of her daughter, and discovered in the Sole Sisters a camaraderie and an accountability to spur her on through the earliest hours in the darkest depths of winter.

"I was looking for a group mentality with other women to help me meet my goals," Kennedy said. "Having that accountability to have to get out of bed for 5 a.m. run has been huge."

And, like Bouchie, Kennedy has already begun parlaying her Soles Sisters experience into efforts that extend far beyond the streets of Wilmington. Kennedy is currently signed on to participate in the Chicago Marathon in October.

"I feel healthier now, when I'm nearing my forties, than I did when I was in my early twenties," Kennedy said. "This group is the reason I am able to perform."

Other touted features of the club are the easy transference of information via the group's online resources,

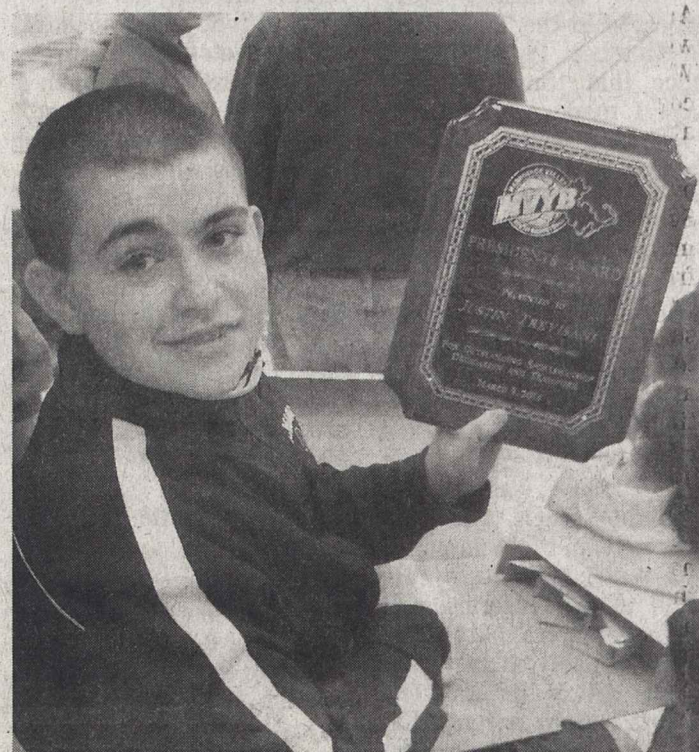
and the safety of doing a road run with a reliable group of people.

But for Chisholm, the true prize has been the impact on the emotional and social lives of club members. The Sole Sisters running club forges bonds between women that would not otherwise have happened, and it is this that Chisholm most relishes from the experience.

"I hope it continues to provide support and friendships as it already has in such a short life," Chisholm said. "The most important thing we're doing is supporting each other and providing a tight-knit group of amazing female athletes."

Pair of WHS Hoop players honored

The Middlesex League announced its all-star (all-league) team in Girls' Basketball. Wilmington High seniors Christa Brent and Rachael Mara were named two of the top eight players in the Freedom Division and earn all-league recognition.



Justin Trevisani was awarded the Merrimack Valley Boys Youth Basketball President Award for Dedication, Sportsmanship and Teamwork. The award was presented to Justin on March 9, 2014 at the Championship Games ceremonies being held at Tewksbury High School. Trevisani was nominated for this award by his coach, Fred Barone, of Wilmington 8th Grade Basketball White Team. He was nominated for this award because of his dedication and sportsmanship throughout the last four years and has shown a high level of respect, hard work, determination and strength to game officials, coaches and teammates. (courtesy photo).

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Part 5 of Cookie's Series

This inspiration leads to a 'tenacious' story

By RICK COOKE
Sports Correspondent

POMPANO BEACH, FLORIDA- "I'll see you next week brother, I'm leaving on a little trip." Richard Robinson left his Pompano Beach condo last week for a cruise ship departing from the Port of Everglades to the Cayman Islands. Richard spends some of his time in a wheelchair. When he's not in that chair or his walker, he's at the gym, taking good care of what he calls his "wonderful life."

When I met Robinson four years ago he changed my life, opening up a window to what would become a four-part series profiling inspirational people from all walks of life. Richard's story appeared in the Town Crier on October 12, 2012, and since that time, not only have I made a friend, but I've met a person who has opened a window to the world of recovery from drugs and alcohol.

Many families have at least one relative or someone close to them who is battling the disease of alcoholism and addiction. Twenty-two years ago, Richard was driving drunk on a rain-slicked road when his truck hit a wall and he was ejected from the vehicle. The accident left him brain damaged with multiple fractures. He faced many surgeries, and his parents were told that he would probably be an invalid for the rest of his life. "The doctors told my parents that I would probably be sitting in a corner drooling for the rest of my life," says Robinson. Much of Robinson's recovery was detailed in his story that appeared in the Town Crier.

Since Richard's story appeared in this newspaper, Robinson has "kept on motoring" moving forward with his life, not stuck in time thinking about the past. His only mission is to live his life to the fullest. He was an athlete- an all-star middle guard on his high school football team in a suburb of Pennsylvania. Again, that is all history to Robinson. He talks about the past, but chooses not to dwell on his life's history. We've both been there and done that and I went so far as to document my friend's life, hoping that others would somehow benefit from his story.

I benefited from listening to and learning so much from my friend Richard Robinson. This series has hit some bumps in a road along the way, but true to Robinson's life, I stayed the course changing directions and finally coming back full circle to Richard's story, albeit with a slightly different angle. I decided that he would not only begin, but he would close, my series on those who inspire others, each in their own very different way.

First there was Richard, then came Hugh Wiberg, Jim Boudreau and Jon Meads - some Wilmington and Tewksbury connections. Their lives never crossed paths, but if you read deeply enough and came to understand the respective routes that were taken, I'm sure that there was something

familiar and touching about each and every profile.

When I first met Robinson I would learn that he was a 'gym rat' working out two or three times a week for several hours at a crack. In later interviews I would discover that Robinson would incorporate hundreds of sit-ups and push-ups into his workout routine before hitting the nautilus machines and the stair-master.

Once a week, Richard works out with an hour-long 'zumba' dance class, busting a beat while in his walker at the back of a sparkling fitness room. Robinson sometimes spends all day at LA Fitness, while most days I'm pushed to my limit with a 90-minute morning workout.

"I still rock it and shake it. I'll never stop it. Dancing is the best exercise brother. I can still bust a beat," Robinson says after a recent dance class. Music is instrumental in this athlete's recovery. "Some people in rehab didn't appreciate me rocking out," he says. Robinson loves the music of the group Joy Division, often quoting the band's lyrics. "Every moment there are new realities- that's from the cut '24 Hours."

Changing the World

I was jump-starting my own workouts, and when I first saw what Richard was capable of doing, I was surprised to say the least. I'm not the least bit surprised anymore. It would have been much too simplistic to sum up my friend's life in terms of physical prowess in the face of what some might call a daunting disability. What is even more impressive is Robinson's focus on spirituality and recovery. Thankfully, I'm learning while I'm writing, taking in some life lessons while climbing my own 'survivability' mountain. My journey is a bit of a molehill when compared to Robinson's, but it is my journey nonetheless, and I've come to own it over the past 20 years.

There is a YouTube video featuring Robinson titled "How one man's battle after sustaining a severe brain injury can change the world." The piece was produced by another of Richard's many friends, South Florida chiropractor Dr. Alan Mandell. It is what I would call 'must see' viewing for anyone coming anywhere close to having a bad day. Richard is shown in the gym going about his daily self-sufficient routine that includes shopping and cooking, and of course making his van-assisted journey to the gymnasium. It is the only help that Richard requires on most days. Robinson is in charge of his own therapy and recovery - a heartwarming mix of what he calls "perseverance and perspiration."

"I try to have mind and body strength," says Robinson after finishing a good 30 minutes on the stair-master. "I have internal self-betterment- physical, emotional and spiritual. The fabulous life that I've acquired just keeps on getting better- as long as I keep working at it. I have never-ending heal-

ing. As much as I have lost, I've acquired so much more in return. Our lives are not just one thing or even two things, it's a compilation of things."

Viewing life as a compilation suits my personality nicely at the moment, mostly since my writing long ago stopped being about some scoreboard or a rundown of statistics. Our lives are never that simple, and my life certainly has never been simple. It has been suggested on more than one occasion that I take the time to tell my story, an honest to goodness, not so simple autobiography. My relationship with Richard is what finally convinced me that I should tell my story- that I should write that book that might help someone, somewhere along the way.

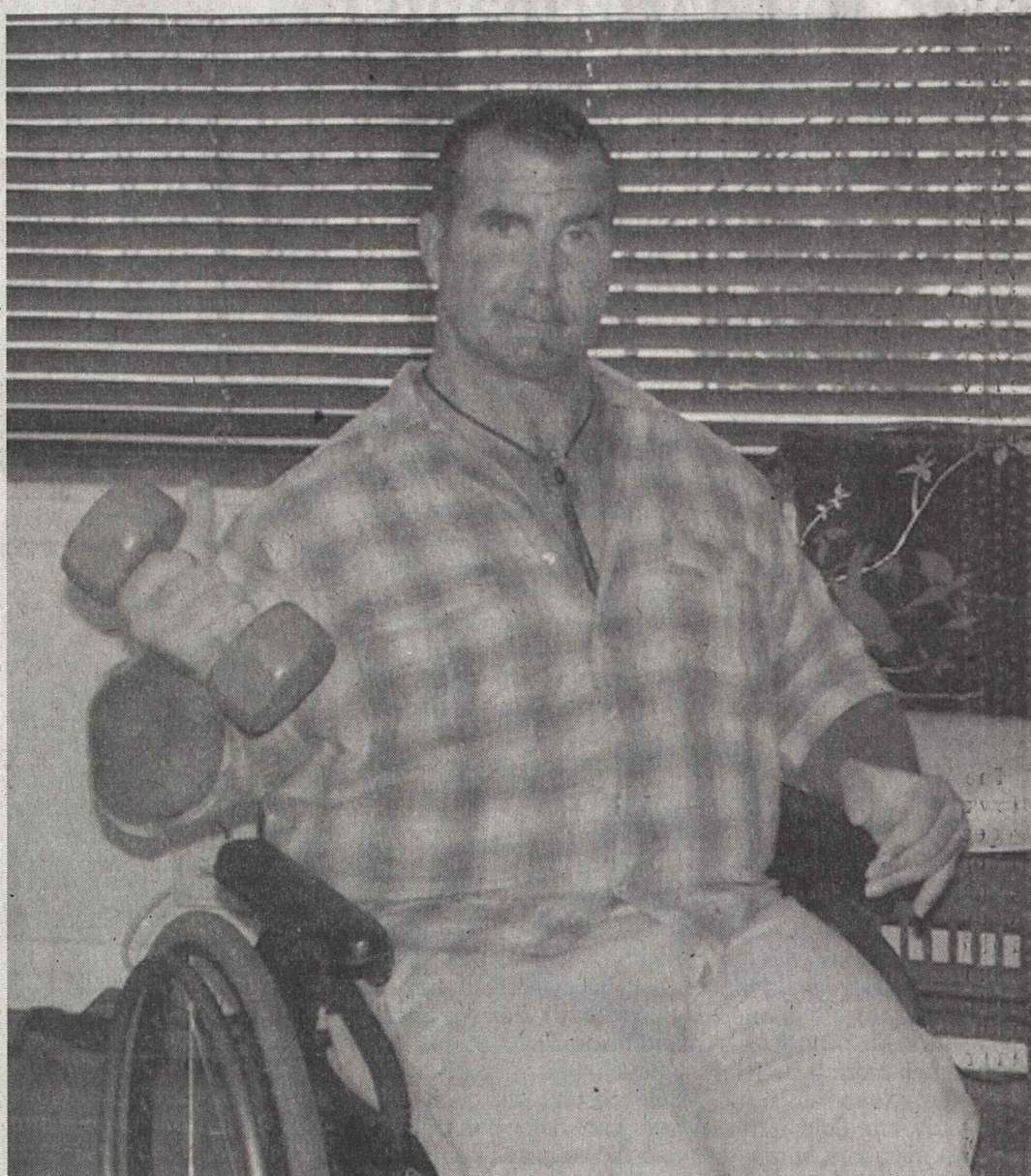
I finally honored my late mother's wish that I write a book someday when I finished my first book four years ago. The story of legendary Wilmington High School track coach and math teacher Frank Kelley has touched so many people that gradually I began to think that my own story was worth telling and that I could actually survive the almost daily grind of writing another book. Once again, I have Richard to thank for providing just enough inspiration to convince me that I was up to the task. This isn't a retelling of the beginning of this series. This is a worthy sequel to the story of a man who just keeps passing out dollops of inspiration.

A Special Name

Having spent another winter basking in the warmth of Fort Lauderdale, Florida thinking about this project, it was time to get to work. A year ago over lunch, former Tewksbury High School football coach Bob Aylward asked me again when I was going to begin writing my story, and he even had a title for the book. I respect and admire my former coach (for one game many years ago), but never did I think that he would come up with a suitable title for this project. "I'd call it 'Tenacious.' Thanks coach you nailed it. That works for me.

Now almost a year later, I'm writing 'Tenacious'- if not tenaciously- at the moment. This project will be a spiritual journey for me. Many of you know by now that I'm a four-time cancer survivor, and that I've lived for over 20 years with an AIDS diagnosis. I guess I'm what you would call a long-term survivor. I had two more surgeries for skin cancers this winter that left my face feeling sore for a couple of weeks. That was no big deal to me at this point. I waited for things to heal-up and got back into the gym. I'm feeling the best both physically and spiritually than I ever have in my life. I'm about 10 pounds over my high school playing weight and at the moment I'm cancer free. I've learned through Richard that it's always best to take things one day at a time. It's all part of my recovery.

Here is where the rubber really meets the road, as some would say. The 'recov-



Richard Robinson's story began the series on inspirational people in the Town Crier. Richard takes pride in staying fit in the face of adversity. He got back to work lifting weights in his Pompano Beach, Florida condominium after a cruise to the Cayman Islands.

(photo by Rick Cooke).

ery' is the difficult part of all this, and I never thought I'd be giving anyone a sneak peek at the book that is definitely in its' infant stages at this point. I'm a recovering alcoholic. There, I actually wrote the word- I'm an alcoholic. It's a disease that ultimately killed my dad and has ruined the lives of many friends. Writing this book will be therapeutic, so if I'm going to be my own therapist, I might as well get my emotional money's worth. I'm guessing that this conclusion to my 'inspirational' series is a good start.

Living the life of a sports-writer for over 20 years had me basically feeding the disease of alcoholism. Write a great column? Reward yourself with not just one cold beer, but many cold beers. Have a tough week at the paper? That calls for a beer! I found that over the 21 years at this job too many of my notes preparing a story were scrawled on the back of bar napkins. They tell me that the disease of alcoholism is progressive, and over the years I was progressing right down that nasty path to either death or time spent behind bars. South Florida isn't exactly the perfect place for someone in recovery, but the alcoholic can find a drink anywhere. The disease of alcoholism also is the only disease with a four-star rating as far as playing mind games with your psyche. It's the only disease that keeps telling you that you don't really have a disease. These days I just try to keep things simple. I avoid the happy hours here and hit the gym or go for a swim. Maybe even write a book.

More than one person has tried to convince me that I must be a 'functional' alco-

holic. There is no such thing. You either are or you aren't. And don't go looking for an excuse to get sober. Like a wonderful wife or girlfriend, or someone else who wants desperately for you to stop drinking. That would be looking for support systems in all the wrong places. That's not what my friendship with Richard is all about and it never was what this series was all about. This series on inspirational people has simply been a window to a different world for this 58-year-old, semi-retired sportswriter. That window has even led me to believe that I really want the gift that is sobriety.

A year ago when I really began to get serious about looking at my alcoholism I read several books written by great writers in recovery Pete Hamill's 'A Drinking Life', Caroline Knapp's 'Drinking: A Love Story' and finally, Tim Cowlshaw's 'Drunk on Sports'. Cowlshaw, who is a columnist for the Dallas Morning News and appears on ESPN's Around the Horn, may not be a great writer, but his book really resonated with me, largely because of what former NBA star Charles Barkley had to say in the book's prelude.

Barkley writes that Cowlshaw has told him this- "There is a bond between sports and drinking that is unlike anything else. People don't get hammered when they go see a movie. They might drink at home while watching their favorite TV show, but for the most part, they don't gather in one public spot to watch it and get drunk. That's how Tim looks at drinking now. He told me, 'drinking is something that people do; it's not what you

are. But when it becomes who you are, you need to think about becoming something else.' Barkley, who has seen his own troubles with alcohol, is right on so many levels. Having finished reading what I thought was a 'real' collection of self-help books I opened the book that I really needed to read- The Big Book of Alcoholics Anonymous.

My late mother once prayed that I wouldn't go into the newspaper business. "They all drink," she would say. Ma, so do politicians, artists, musicians, short-order cooks, aunts, uncles, brothers, sisters, that cute girl next door and the Mayor of Boston. It was refreshing to see Marty Walsh being so candid about his recovery. When a prominent person speaks out, some of the stigma and shame subsides.

I have nothing to be ashamed about. I went an entire Super Bowl without a beer. I've seen concerts without a beer in my hand and actually remembered the beautiful sounds of Jeff Beck on a warm summer night. But who's keeping score? This is not about the number of days without a cold one. Today, I didn't have a beer. I really am taking things one day at a time. My friend Richard came home to Florida today. We'll get together for breakfast, and I'll get back to work on that book. I guess that I'm really learning how to keep things simple. I'm staying in the moment. I've got to admit, it's a nice feeling.

(Comments regarding this series can be sent to rcooke1717@yahoo.com).

Jr. Redmen Hockey team dominates Twin City Hawks

The Jr. Redmen Squirt AAA Hockey Team skated to a dominating 4-1 win over the Twin City Hawks on Sunday March 9th at Breakaway Ice Center in Tewksbury.

The Jr. Redmen started strong, impressing the large hometown crowd with their speed, physical play, and puck movement.

The Jr. Redmen had an early chance to take the lead when Billy Doherty and Jake McDonough worked a nice give-and-go out of the

left corner resulting in a nice wrist shot from Doherty.

The Hawks, one of the top teams in the Valley AAA division, battled back and had a handful of chances but Jr. Redmen goalie made save after save to keep the game scoreless through the first five minutes of the game.

The Jr. Redmen went on the powerplay with just over two minutes to play in the period and took a 1-0 when Jason Cooke banged home a

rebound, assist to Sean Murphy.

The Hawks had some late period offensive zone pressure but were unable to get through the rock-solid defense played by Conor Cremin and Andrew Della Piana.

The Jr. Redmen took a 2-0 lead just 1:33 into the second period when Jason Cooke scored his second goal of the game on a breakaway, assist to Maci Chapman. Both teams used their speed to create offensive zone pres-

sure and scoring chances. Jack Griffin worked hard on the forecheck, stripping the puck from a Hawk defender and sending a pass to Andrew Grieco in the slot. Grieco wasted no time, firing a hard wrister that rang off the left post.

The Hawks had chances of their own but were unable to get pucks to the Jr. Redmen net because of great defensive work from Timmy Sweeney and Maci Chapman. The Jr. Redmen took a 3-0 lead late in the

second period when Sean Murphy scored a powerplay goal with 46 seconds left, assists to Jason Cooke and Brady Chapman.

The third period opened with the Jr. Redmen looking to continue to carry the play. Justin Rooney used his speed to blow past two Hawk defenders but his backhand was saved by the Hawk goalie.

Jason Cooke made the score 4-0 with 10:02 left in the game, scoring his third goal of the game for the hat

trick, assists to Conor Cremin and Brady Chapman. The Hawks kept battling but great work by Jake McDonough, Justin Rooney, Andrew Grieco, and Timmy Sweeney kept the Hawks away from the Jr. Redmen net.

The Hawks were able to break the shutout with 1:7 seconds left in the game but the Jr. Redmen players and fans left the rink with an impressive 4-1 win.

Tewksbury 8th Grade Girls take back-to-back titles

The Tewksbury 8th Grade Girls Basketball team finished the regular season with a 12-3 record and entered the playoff tournament as the third seed in a very competitive bracket.

After three convincing wins versus Georgetown, Tyngsboro and Billerica, the girls were crowned River Valley League Champions for the second year in a row.

Once again it was a total team effort the entire weekend with every single player contributing to each victory. The players are Isabelle Picher, Felicia Ragucci, Jessica Cacciola, Maggie Penta, Emily Amaral, Jocelyn Stavros, Mary Tibbetts, Emily Langone, Michaela Svendsen, Stephanie Graffeo and Rachel Sessa.

Tewksbury 43,
Georgetown 33

The first round game had Tewksbury looking to redeem themselves after dropping a regular season game to a tough Georgetown team. The determination and focus was their from the opening tip off as Tewksbury controlled the entire game with their superb defense and rebounding.

Eight of the eleven girls were in the scoring column led by Maggie Penta with 14 points and Michaela Svendsen with 11 points. The

win secured a second round game with Tyngsboro and a rematch from last year's playoff game.

Tewksbury 47,
Tyngsboro 24

Tewksbury raced out to a 13-2 lead and never looked back eliminating Tyngsboro from the playoffs for the second year in a row.

The trademark unselfish play was on display as all eleven girls were in the scoring column for Tewksbury. The second victory of the weekend vaulted Tewksbury to the finals and a chance to defend their title against Billerica.

Tewksbury 52, Billerica 35
This was a tough game between two bitter rivals and it was a typical physical game with the score at the half 24-19.

A Tewksbury 10-0 run to start the second half opened up the game and the girls sealed the victory and the championship.

Seven of the girls were in the scoring column lead by Penta with 22 points along with Jessica Cacciola and Isabelle Picher with 10 pts each.

These girls graduate from the TGBL travel program this year as two time consecutive River Valley League Champs.



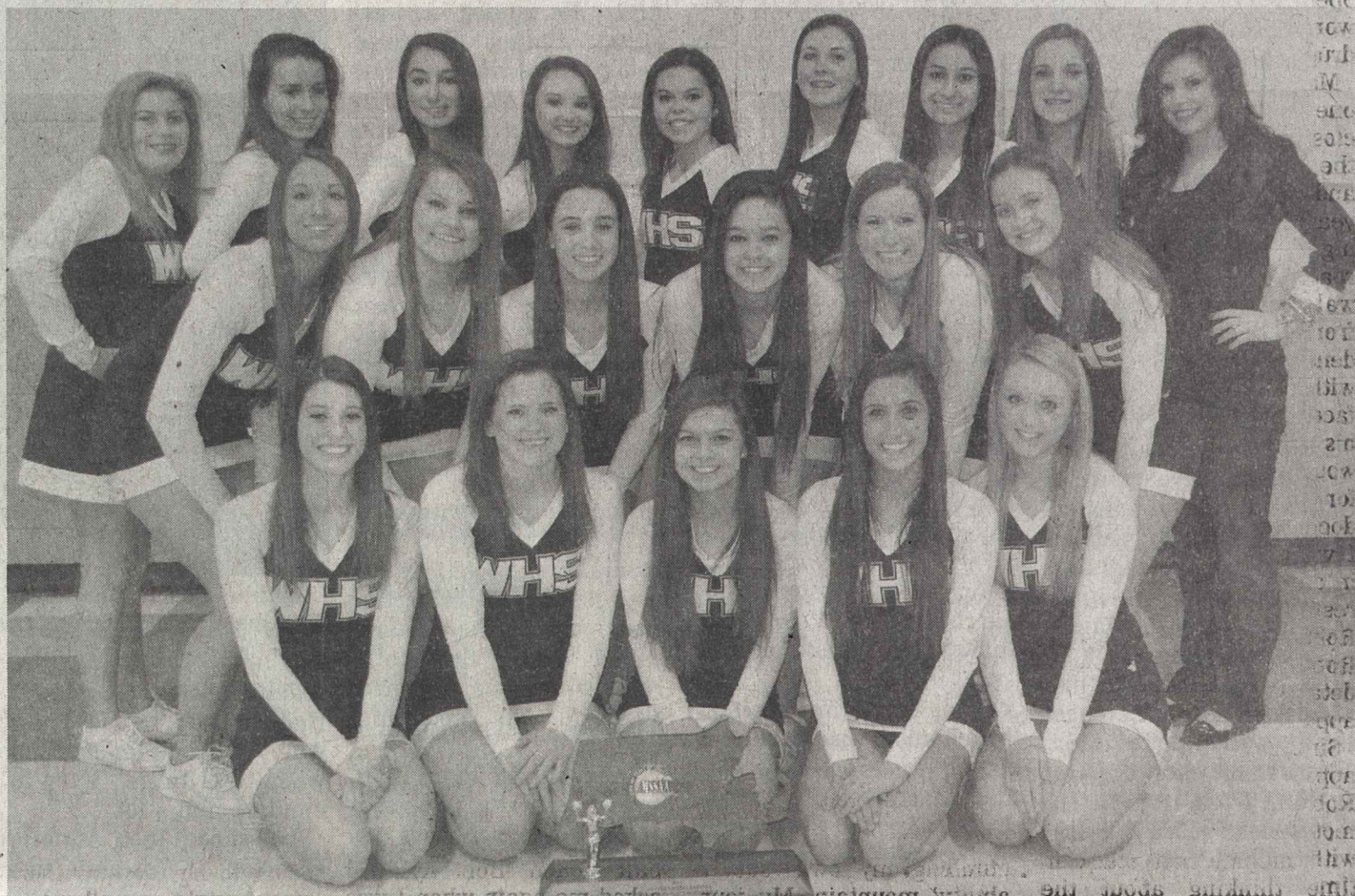
The Tewksbury 8th Grade Girls Basketball team.

(courtesy photo).

Cheerleaders take second

This past weekend the Wilmington High School Varsity Cheerleading team placed second at the Division 3 state meet falling short of the crown by one point. The team is coached by Nicole Minghella French and is led by its three captains, Julie Welch, Mckayla Hersom, and Danielle Rae. All three of the captains are a strong asset to the team showing leadership and tremendous talent. The other members of this cheer squad include: Samantha Worrob, Savannah Sullivan, Rachel Spada, Amanda Boyle, Jessica Arbeely, Olivia Pretrucci, Montana Howlett, Mikaila Russell, Jennifer Dovidio, Jamie Murray, Katelyn Newton, Erin Campbell, Christina Amato, Taylor Marranzini, Julianna Rosa and Emily Eckert.

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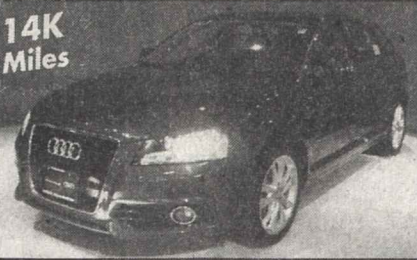
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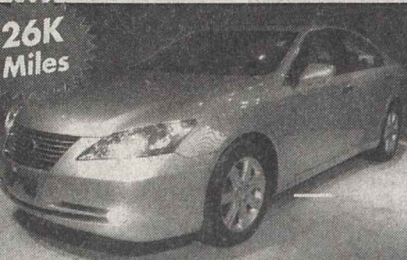
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342 wins in 25 years, Barriss will be missed

By MIKE IPPOLITO
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BILLERICA -- The coaching career of Shawsheen Tech's Dick Barriss has included many amazing milestones and accomplishments along the way, including 343 wins and seven league titles over 25 years (1975-88, 2002-14) as Girls Basketball coach, another 142 wins and two more league titles in a 16-year career (1998-2013) as Boys Soccer coach, and although some may have forgotten, two additional league titles as coach of the co-ed tennis team back in the 80's.

It's been a remarkable run for a remarkable man, who retired from his coaching career last week when the Lady Rams Basketball team was eliminated from post-season play.

But more than all of the wins and all of the league titles and other accolades, what has mattered and continues to matter most to Barriss has been the relationships he has formed with his players, as well as his relationship with his family both on and off the athletic fields at Shawsheen Tech.

All in the Family

Barriss, who will also retire after 38 years as a physical education teacher at the end of the school year, has had the remarkable privilege of coaching every member of his family at some point in his career. That includes his wife, the former Louise Smith who played for Barriss in his early days of coaching from 1978-'81. In more recent years Barriss has coached both of his

children, Kimberly, who graduated in 2012 with the Girls Basketball team, and T.J., who will graduate this spring, in Boys Soccer. "I was fortunate to have that opportunity," Barriss said. "It's probably why I stayed on a little longer. I was at a point where I probably could have retired about six years ago, but I never would have had the opportunity to coach my kids."

Barriss acknowledges that it is not always easy on either the parent or the athlete to be part of the same team, but it is also something that he definitely would not have missed, as he got to see first hand the remarkable career of both of his children.

Kimberly was a four-year starter and three-time CAC All-Star point guard for the Lady Rams, while winning league MVP in her junior year, while T.J. was also a three-time all-star on the pitch for the Rams.

"It's not always a bed of roses being the coach's kids," Barriss said. "But if they are good people like Kimberly and T.J. it can work. It still does not make it easy on them. The best part of it for me was that both of them were very successful. They did not get anything they did not earn. They would have been starters and all-stars with or without me."

As great as Kimberly and T.J. were however, they could not compare to Barriss' favorite Shawsheen athlete of all time.

"I tell all of my players that Louise was the best player to ever play for me," Barriss said. "She started for me as a freshman is still the only one of

my players to go on to play Division 2 basketball in college (UMass Lowell)."

The young couple started to date in 1981 after Louise graduated from Shawsheen and were eventually married in 1990. Just as she was the best player that ever played for Barriss, 24 years later she is also his best support system, dealing with the many long hours that a coach must put in to do his job properly.

"She is definitely our number one supporter," Barriss said. "Really it is a family affair. We all support each other."

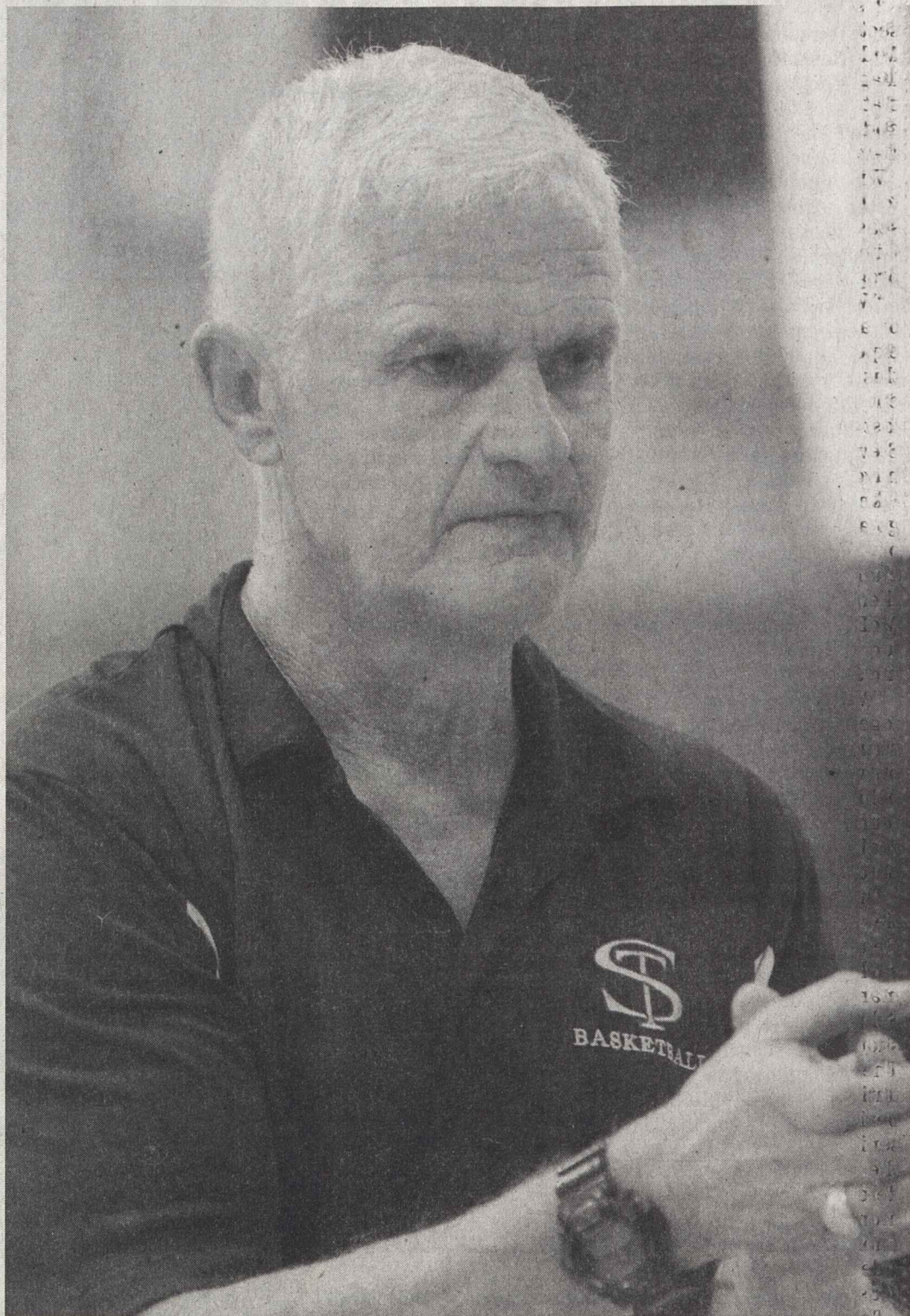
A Jump Ball

Along with his family, Barriss has also coached countless other great athletes throughout his career in all sports, and has always seemed to find a way to get the most out of them. He guided his basketball teams to three league titles in his first incarnation as coach, in 1977, 1981 and 1988, and four more after his return, winning in 2003, 2009, 2011 and 2012.

While he has been successful in coaching all of his sports, basketball was his first love as he played at Malden High School and even got to play at Boston Garden, before moving on to Boston State (now UMass Boston), from where he graduated in 1973.

While playing at Boston State he played under the direction of former Celtics legend Jim Loscutoff, from whom he learned much of his coaching style.

"He taught me more than anybody else that you need to teach your players as people rather than just



Longtime Coach Dick Barriss has called it a coaching career after 25-plus years at Shawsheen Tech including the last decade with the girls basketball team.

(photos by Bill Ryerson).

teaching the game," Barriss said. "He knew when to compliment and when to criticize. I try to emulate him a lot."

Shawsheen Tech Athletic Director Al Costabile has seen first hand the approach that Barriss takes to coaching his teams, and he says that beyond Barriss' knowledge of the game, it was his ability to relate to his players and that made him so successful.

"Dickie is old school. By that I mean that for him it is about much more than just teaching the game," Costabile said. "He adapts his coaching style to his players. One of the great things about him is that he is resourceful. He will change his system to fit his personnel, rather than forcing them into his style. Nowadays everybody wants all of their players to fit their system, but Dickie will change for his players."

With seven league titles Barriss has certainly pushed a lot of the right buttons, and built many great memories, but some years stand out more than others. Not surprisingly, again family played a big part in which years were his favorites.

"Well, I only got to one sectional final, in 2012," (where Shawsheen lost to Fenway), Barriss said. "So that was a very special year. And it was also Kimberly's senior year so that made it very special as well."

Family also played a big role in one of his greatest soccer memories as well, as three seasons stood out above all others, one of them being 2012 when T.J. was a junior with the team.

"We made the tournament that year and we finished second in the league, but what made it most special was that the sophomores from the previous year like T.J. who came back as juniors all played like a team," Barriss said. "They weren't our most talented team, and they certainly weren't as talented as the team the year before with the seniors we

had, but they were all great kids and they all played as such a team that it was just a great group to be around."

Two other seasons also stood out to Barriss, starting with his first season at the helm in 1998.

"They had not won a game in two years, so the first game we won that year the kids were jumping up and down like we won the World Cup. That always sticks out," Barriss said. "And then in 2008 when we won the vocational tournament. We

played Northeast in the voke finals and we had already lost to them twice, but we beat them 2-1. And in the state tournament we faced Tyngsboro who had beaten us twice, including 6-0 and we beat them 1-0 and made it to the sectional finals."

Corner Kicks

Barriss' success with both a boys soccer team and a girls basketball team cannot be overlooked in Costabile's eyes.

"He has been successful coaching boys and girls and you don't get that all the time," Costabile said. "He has the ability to relate to both and a lot of coaches cannot do that. He has been a positive influence on many, many athlete's lives at Shawsheen Tech, both male and female. That is a tremendous legacy for him."

One other team that will always stand out to Barriss will be this year's basketball team. Of course it will always hold a special place simply because it was his last team, but more than that it will stand out for the effort they gave him throughout the season on their way to a 12-8 record and a tournament berth.

"At the start of the season I really questioned whether this team could make the tournament," Barriss said. "We had lost a lot from last year and I just did not know how good we could be. But they had a great season and if not for a close loss to Millis could have gone 13-7 which

I never would have predicted. I am very proud of this team."

Costabile has seen Barriss do some great coaching jobs over the years in both sports, but he feels that Barriss may have done one of his best jobs in this, his last season.

"It just epitomizes what I was talking about earlier that without a doubt he gets the most out of his players," Costabile said. "At the start of the year he was not sure how to get the most out of this team, but he figured it out and found the best system for this team. It was probably a lot different than a system he had used in the past, but it worked for this team and they had a great season."

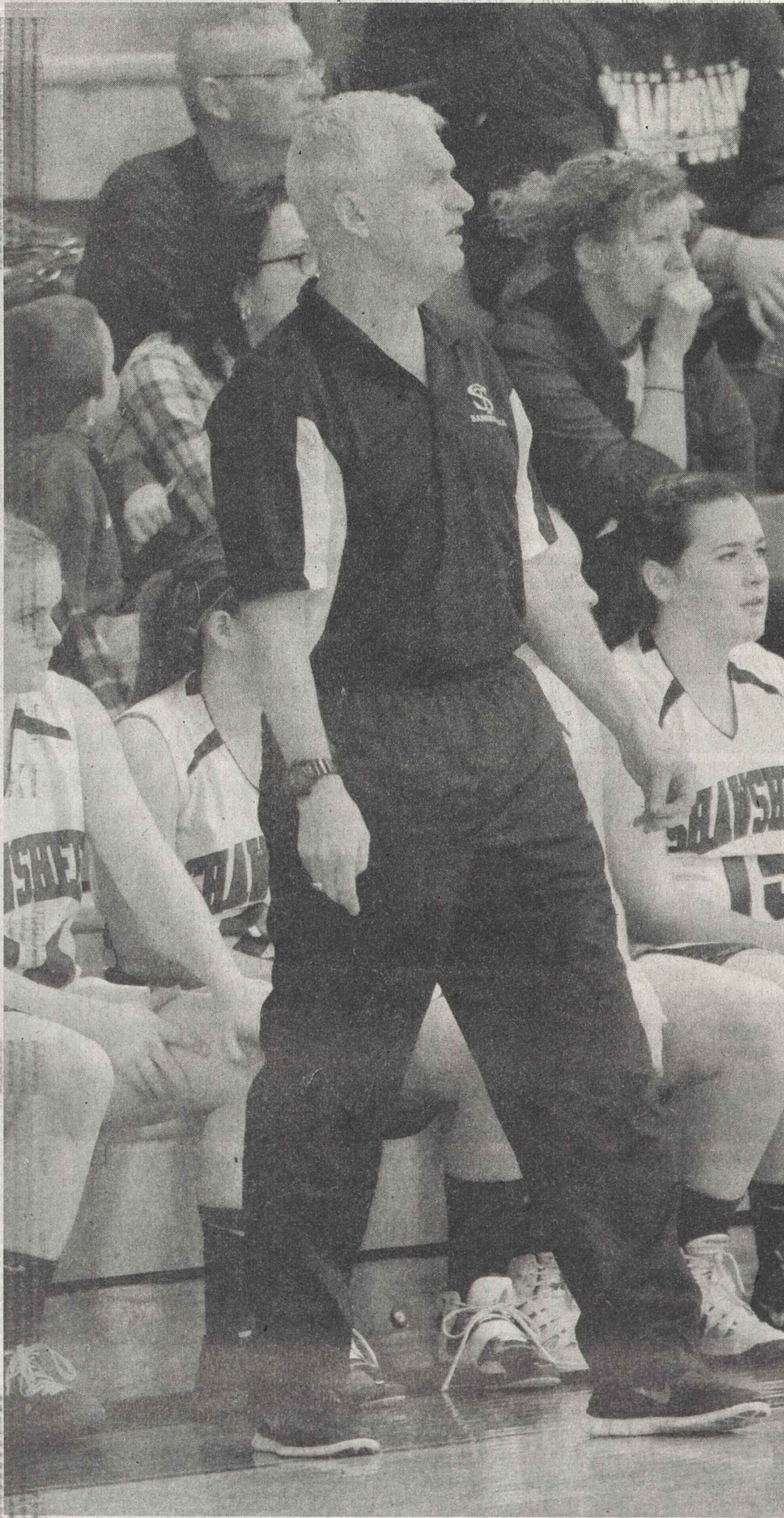
As much as Costabile has gained a tremendous amount of respect for what Barriss has accomplished in his coaching career, he has gained even more respect for Barriss as a person.

"I have a lot of respect for Dickie," Costabile said. "I have had a great relationship with him. I am proud to say that he is a great friend, a great coach and a great family man. I have really enjoyed his company during my time here at Shawsheen and I am really going to miss him."

The teams at Shawsheen will move on without Barriss of course, but there will certainly be a different feeling in the air come the fall when Barriss is not on the sidelines for Rams soccer and next basketball season when Barriss is not leading the Lady Rams hoop team.

It will be different, and Barriss will miss it greatly, but he is also looking forward to whatever is next.

"It's another chapter in my life and it is time to move on to the next chapter," Barriss said. "I am not sure what the next chapter will bring, but I just know this chapter is over, and it has been a great one. I really enjoyed it."



A game and a season for the ages

FROM PG SP1W

2 sectional titles, added a sectional finalist trophy, a Middlesex League Division 2 league title, had 13 straight state tournament victories, and compiled a record of 52-11-14.

Wilmington was moved up to Division 1 prior to this season after playing in Division 2 throughout its program history.

"We have a lot to be proud of and I don't think anyone expected us near this game this year after all of the talent that we graduated from last year," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "These kids have so much to be proud of. I know it hurts now but it'll go away. We graduated a lot of players from a state championship team and then we had a kid (Brendan McDonough) leave for junior (hockey) and he would have been a big part of it."

"We took a while to get it together. In December we struggled but then we came on with a lot of come from behind wins and three state tournament wins. This was a real good team and they just battled and battled."

The teams skated to a 1-1 tie after the first period. Reading started the scoring early, getting one at the 2:08 mark of the game as Danny Schmidt scored on a wrist shot from the right point. The game stayed that way until the final minute of the period. Wilmington High senior Austin O'Neal picked the pocket of a Reading defenseman and went in alone beating goalie Ian Lapham (29 saves) low stick side for his sixth goal of the season.

The second period was much more open and back and forth with both teams scoring two goals. Wilmington took leads of 2-1 and 3-2 only to see Reading tie the game back up both times. The Wildcats took advantage of another poor defensive play in the Rockets' end, and Cody McGowan retrieved the

turnover behind the net and fed the puck in front where Luke Foley took the pass in stride, moved to his left before putting a backhand past Lapham for the 2-1 lead.

About five minutes later Reading tied the game up as Matt Thomson put home a rebound from the low right hand circle to knot the game up at 2-2 with 8:21 left in the period.

Three minutes later, Wilmington went on the power play and scored a terrific goal set up by Jimmy Davey. He took a pass on the left hand point from McGowan before moving in about two strides and firing a hard pass down the opposite low side of the net. Justin Collins accepted the pass, turned his body, picked his head up and fired a rocket wrist shot to the top left hand corner giving the Wildcats the lead at 3-2 with 5:16 to go.

Again Reading tied the game back up as Drew Foley (40 saves) was screened on another shot from the point which landed in the top corner and that sent the teams into the locker room tied up at 3-3 through two periods of play.

While the second period was a bit of a scoring frenzy, the third period was the total opposite. Both teams had one legitimate scoring big each but it was more of a 15-minute frame where neither team wanted to make a mistake.

"I just think the players were gassed (in that third period) - especially in overtime," said Scanlon. "They just couldn't get it going and were too tired."

That forced overtime. It started with a six-minute sudden-death 5-on-5 scenario and the best chance for the Wildcats came off the stick of Davey at the point. His wrist shot through a crowd of players was gobbled up. Reading came back with several chances including

Foley making three saves, two back-to-back with two minutes to go keeping the game tied and forcing a second overtime, this one 4-on-4 for another six minutes.

Again neither team could score. Foley made three real good saves, and Wilmington had two good bids. The first came from Steve DeFuria trying to stuff one coming off a tough angle from the left side, before McGowan circled the top slot area and put a high backhand on net which was barely covered up.

With 2:31 left in that second overtime, Wilmington was called for a penalty. Reading would be on a 4-on-3 with a lot of open ice to work with and despite putting on four shots on net, the trio of Luke Foley, McGowan and Davey killed it off, while Drew Foley was there to make four more strong stops.

The game then went to the shoot-out. The first round was five shooters from each team - the team that scores the most wins. Wilmington elected to shoot first.

"I always go first figuring if you can get that first one you put the pressure on the other team but (Reading) just had a couple better shooters (than we did)," said Scanlon.

In the first round, both teams scored twice. Reading scored its two goals on its first two attempts before Drew Foley then shut down the next eight shooters an incredible statistic.

Meanwhile Wilmington came back from the 2-0 hole as McGowan scored going to the top corner and DeFuria followed going to the low left side.

The teams were tied at 2-2, forcing the second round shoot-out period, but this one sudden-death. This time both teams sent five skaters and all ten players were denied. That forced the third round of the shoot-out where the players from the first round could be used again.



Above, WHS senior forward Austin O'Neal watches the puck go into the back of the net during his first period goal, and below Luke Foley and Steve DeFuria fight for a loose puck during the Wilmington-Reading Boys Hockey game held Monday night.

(photos by JoeBrownphotos.com).



McGowan was stuffed going low, and then Thomson won it by going to the low right hand side.

"It's a tough way to lose I know that especially going that many rounds," said Scanlon. "It's a tough way to lose. I know (the MIAA) has to do it. Both teams battled and it could have gone either way. They had a bit of an edge on us, but as usual our goaltender kept us in there and we buckled down when we had too. We have done that all season - we bend a little but we don't

break. We had chances and they had chances and it was a real good game."

Heading into this season, no one knew what to expect from the Wildcats after losing so many key ingredients to the team's two state championship titles, including the program's all-time leading scorer in Cam Owens, as well as the talented McDonough who decided not to come back to the team for his senior season and play junior hockey. But that didn't stop this team from making a huge splash - fin-

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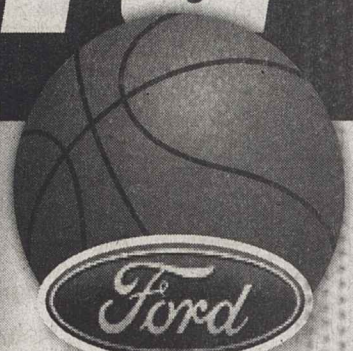
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To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner Denise J Morandi of Tewksbury MA a Will has been admitted to informal probate. Denise J Morandi of Tewksbury MA has been informally appointed as the Personal Representative of the estate to serve Without Surety on the bond.

The estate is being administered under informal procedure by the Personal Representative under the Massachusetts Uniform Probate Code without supervision by the Court. Inventory and accounts are not required to be filed with the Court, but interested parties are entitled to notice regarding the administration from the Personal Representative and can petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including distribution of assets and expenses of administration. Interested parties are entitled to petition the Court to institute formal proceedings and to obtain orders terminating or restricting the powers of Personal Representatives appointed under informal procedure. A copy of the Petition and Will, if any, can be obtained from the Petitioner.
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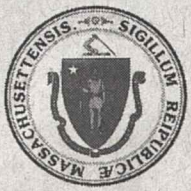
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TO: Michael D Norkum
and to all persons entitled to the benefit of the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, 50 U.S.C. App. §501 et seq.;
U.S. Bank National Association, as trustee, on behalf of the holders of the Credit Suisse First Boston Mortgage Securities Corp., Home Equity Pass Through Certificates, Series 2007-1, claiming to have an interest in a Mortgage covering real property in Wilmington, numbered 8 Silverhurst Avenue, given by Michael D. Norkum to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for, EquiFirst Corporation, its successors and assigns, dated November 21, 2006, recorded with the Middlesex County (North District) Registry of Deeds at Book 20746, Page 152, and now held by plaintiff by assignment, has/have filed with this court a complaint for determination of Defendant's/Defendants' Servicemembers status.
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To all interested persons:

A petition has been filed by: **Nicholas Forgione of Boston MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order of Testacy and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

And also requesting that: **Nicholas Forgione of Boston MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on 04/25/2014.**

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an Affidavit of Objections within thirty (30) days of the return date, action may be taken without further notice to you.

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WITNESS, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.
Date: March 03, 2014
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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that after due diligence, I have not been able to ascertain the whereabouts of James Vigo, who is believed to have an interest in the estate of Julianna Carroll, that a Petition for Appointment of Guardian of Minor has been presented by Donna M. Bourassa of 90 Long Sands Road, York, Maine 03909.

James Vigo is hereby notified that a hearing has been scheduled on these petitions to take place on **April 2, 2014 at 10:00 a.m.** The action or order sought in this Petition, including an order against you requiring the payment of child support, attorney's fees, and such other financial contributions as the Court may deem proper, may be granted if no interested person appears at the hearing to object. You may also file written objections to the petition, but the filing of such written objections will not substitute for appearance at the hearing unless the Court so orders. If you file written objections, you must send a copy to the petitioner whose name, address and telephone number is Donna Bourassa of 90 Long Sands Road, York, Maine 03909, Telephone # (978) 407-2293.

This notice complies with Probate Rule 4 and the Maine Probate Code.
Dated: January 22, 2014
Virginia I. Nadeau,
Deputy Register of Probate

STATE OF MAINE

York, ss. Probate Court
Alfred, Maine
January 23, 2014
A true copy attests:

Virginia I. Nadeau,
Deputy Register of Said Probate
04534216 3/5, 12/14

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF
MORTGAGEE'S SALE
OF REAL ESTATE

Premises:
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Massachusetts

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by David J. Hanson and Debra A. Hanson to First Eastern Mortgage Corporation, and now held by Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency, said mortgage dated October 31, 1994 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 7284, Page 170, said mortgage which was assigned from First Eastern Mortgage Corporation to Massachusetts Housing Finance Agency by assignment dated October 31, 1994 and recorded with said Registry of Deeds in Book 8303 at Page 130, for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on April 7, 2014 at 1:00 p.m. Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage to wit:

The land in Wilmington, County of Middlesex, Massachusetts, with the buildings thereon being shown as lot 30 Alice Avenue on a plan entitled, "Site Development Plan, Buckingham Estates, Wilmington, Mass., Prepared for Thomas Realty Trust by Cuoco & Cormier, Inc., dated October 30, 1992" and recorded at the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds in Plan Book 186, Plan 44.

Said lot 30 Containing 7,908 s/f as shown on the plan attached to the deed, as exhibit a, recorded herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagee's Title see deed dated October 31, 1994, and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds, in Book 7284, Page 154.

TERMS OF SALE: Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

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04534285 3/12, 19, 26/14

LEGAL NOTICE



TOWN OF TEWKSBURY

PLANNING BOARD
PUBLIC HEARINGSPECIAL PERMIT
SITE PLAN SPECIAL
PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **MARCH 24, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 464 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by DSF IV Tewksbury Owner, LLC, development name Shawsheen Place for a Site Plan Special Permit to construct a proposed swimming pool with pool deck along southeast side of the existing club house as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **Archstone Avenue** Assessor's Map 48, Lot 80, zoned MFD.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA, (978-640-4370 x 248) Monday thru Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm.

Vincent Spada
Chairman
04534218 3/5, 12/14

LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF WILMINGTON
PLANNING BOARDNOTICE OF
PUBLIC HEARING

The Planning Board will hold a Public Hearing on **April 1, 2014 at 8:15 p.m.** in Room 9 of the Town Hall, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, MA for Site Plan Review #14-01, plan entitled, "Site Plan, 555 & 563 Main Street, Wilmington, Massachusetts, Map 41 Parcels 139 & 140", dated February 11, 2014, prepared by Professional Engineer; Luke J. Roy, LJR Engineering, Inc., 234 Parker Street, North Reading, MA 01864; submitted on March 6, 2014. Said property is located at 555 & 563 Main Street, Wilmington, MA 01887 and shown on Assessor's Map 41 Parcels 139 & 140. This project is for parking lot expansion to accommodate parking requirements.

A copy of the plan is on file at the Planning & Conservation Department and may be inspected during the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Any person interested, or wishing to be heard on the proposed plan, should appear at the time and place designated.

Michael Sorrentino,
Chair
04534277 3/12, 19/14

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TOWN OF WILMINGTON

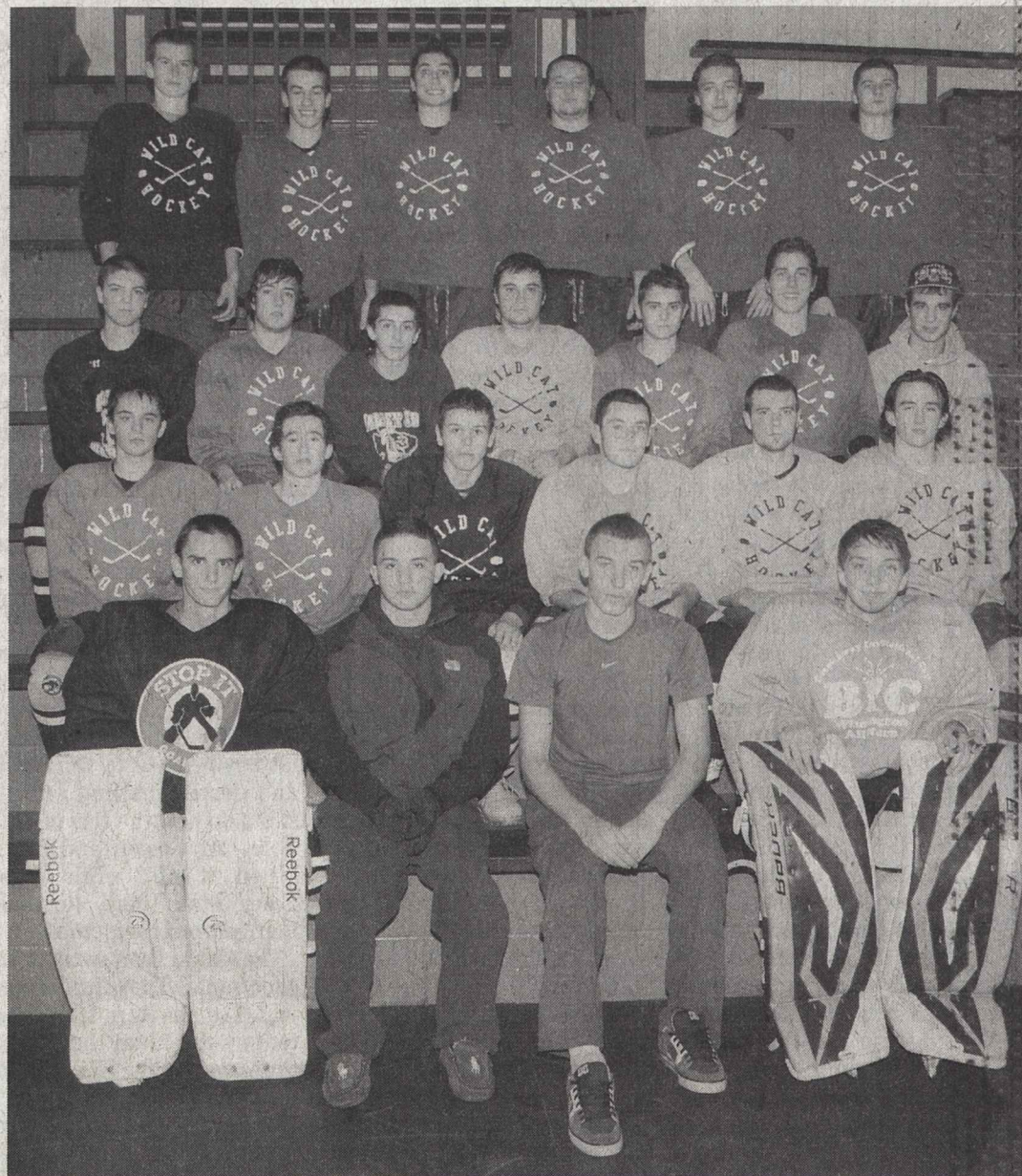
REQUEST FOR
PROPOSALS

Request for Proposals (RFP) will be received at the Office of the Town Manager, Town Hall, Wilmington, Massachusetts, until **Wednesday, March 26, 2014, at 4PM.** To establish a contract agreement for advanced life support (ALS) ambulance service in the Town of Wilmington. The ALS service will supplement the Town's Basic Life Support (BLS) and transport service for pre-hospital emergency care provided by Wilmington Fire Department (WFD).

Request for Proposals are available at the Town Manager's Office, 121 Glen Road, Wilmington, Mon - Fri 8:30AM to 4:30PM until proposals are due. Specifications may be obtained in hard copy upon written request to the Town Manager's Office, Attn: Wendy Martiniello, and receipt of payment of a non-refundable fee of \$25.00 in the form of a certified check, treasurers or cashier's check, payable to the Town of Wilmington. Specifications may be obtained electronically upon request to wmartiniello@wilmingtonma.gov. Electronic requests must include company name, mailing address, and phone number of recipient of the specifications. Proposals may not be submitted via email.

The Town shall not be responsible for proposals arriving late due to couriers, deliveries to wrong locations, express mailing services, delays related to processing of mail requests for specs and plans etc. or any reason whatsoever. Postmarks will not be considered.

Jeffrey M. Hull
Town Manager
04534278 3/12/14



The Wilmington High School Boys Hockey team wrapped up its terrific season on Monday night with the thrilling five-overtime loss to Reading in the Division 1 North Finals.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

Kim Forte Memorial Road Race set for April 27th

Each year the annual Kim Forte Memorial walking and running event grows in Wilmington, and each year the tribute to Kim Forte becomes more meaningful. Last year over 400 people participated. Now in its fourth year, even more are expected to participate. The money raised goes back to the community that Forte loved allowing the memory of her to continue on through generosity and service by others. This year's race takes place on April 27th at 11:00 AM on the Town Common.

WOW sponsors the 5K Run for Wilmington/ 5K Kim Forte Walk to honor the town and the memory of Forte. Forte's life ended tragically when she was struck by a vehicle while on one of her daily walks.

WOW is a community organization of close to 400 members and does include men and youth. Beyond WOW, other local businesses and organizations have become active supporters extending their presence in the community and visibly helping the town.

With this sponsor support, WOW expands its ability to help to the many Wilmington families in need with items such as school supplies, clothing, food, and household goods. What's more, they realize families face hardships beyond financial need and provide service such as meal deliveries, yard clean up, housekeeping, and rides to appointments.

To learn more about this year's WOW 5K Run for Wilmington/ 5K Kim Forte Walk, visit www.womeonfowilmington.org/roadrace or follow Twitter #2014WOW5k. Sponsorship opportunities still exist.

If you have any additional questions or are interested in joining as a sponsor, a runner or walker, please contact Joe Martiniello at 978-447-1243 or joemartiniello@gmail.com

GRONK CAMP

Star Tight End Rob Gronkowski of the New England Patriots has announced the dates and location of his second annual area youth football clinic.

The two-day Citi Rob Gronkowski Football Clinic will be held from 9:00 AM -

12:30 PM on May 31st and June 1st at Melrose High School.

Participants will learn fundamental football skills and have the opportunity to meet and interact with the tight end. Each attendee will receive an autograph and a team photo with Gronkowski.

Gronkowski will be on-site to direct the event and will be joined by a selection of prep and college coaches from the area. The clinic is open to boys and girls of all skill levels in grades 1-8. Cost of the clinic is \$199 (\$159 when using a Citi card).

Registration and more information are available by visiting GronkClinic.com.

HOCKEY TRYOUTS

Female hockey players within 8-14 (born 2000-06) are asked to tryout for an established program which is open to all communities. Weekly practices and games are held at local rinks and the cost is \$150 per player which covers the tryout fee and is applied to the season's tuition.

If you are interested, contact Jeff at JLveglia@comcast.net or visit lynnfieldyouthhockey.com for more details including SLYH tryout dates.

Ice Cats tryout dates will be held on March 6 and 12th at the Kasbuski Rin in Saugus. On March 6th, tryouts for Under 14 girls will be held at 4:50, followed by Under 10 at 6:00 pm and Under 12 at 7:10. On March 12th, Under 10 tryouts will be held at 4:50 pm.

TOPS SOCCER

The Wilmington Beyond Tops Soccer program has announced it will be holding a raffle drawing to give away \$10,000 to one lucky individual. Tickets can be purchased at \$100 each but only 200 tickets will be sold. The drawing will take place on Saturday, April 5th at 11 am at the Shawsheen Field - you don't have to be present.

The proceeds from this raffle will support the people to people student ambassadors program and Beyond Tops, a 501c organization for special needs children dedicated to the use of sports as a vehicle for life lessons. At Beyond Tops, we are ambassadors

for the concept that "ever sport is "The Game for All Kids".

To purchase a raffle ticket contact Dina Goulet at 978-658-1767 or via email at: gordongroup2@verizon.net.

TOUCHDOWN CLUB

The Wilmington Touchdown Club will be holding a St. Patrick's Day event on Friday, March 14th at the Wilmington Knights of Columbus Hall located at 126 Middlesex Ave. The costs is \$20 per person and includes music, dancing, raffles, a St. Patty's Day T-shirt and one door entry prize. Doors open at 7 pm. All proceeds will benefit the WHS Football program. To purchase tickets, please call 978-375-2520, or send an email to: wilmtdc@gmail.com or order them online at www.wilmingtontouchdownclub.com.

ALUMNI HOOP
GAME

The Wilmington Athletic Alumni and Friends program will be hosting an alumni basketball game to be played on Friday, March 27 at the Wilmington Middle School. Any male and female alumni athletes and their friends who are interested in playing, may contact Jack Cushing at 978-658-2170 or email at jcs2@verizon.net or Dennis Ingram at dennis.ingram@yahoo.com. The participation fee is ten dollars per person.

TYSL NEWS

Tewksbury Youth Soccer League will award several scholarships to local high school seniors who are entering college in September. The number of awards and amounts of will be determined by the Tewksbury Youth Soccer League Board of Directors. More information and links to the application can be found on the TYSL website (<http://www.tewksburyyouthsoccer.org/>) under the association information and league documents tab on the vertical margin. The application window begins on March 15th.

Please note that all applications must be postmarked by Tuesday, April 15th for consideration.

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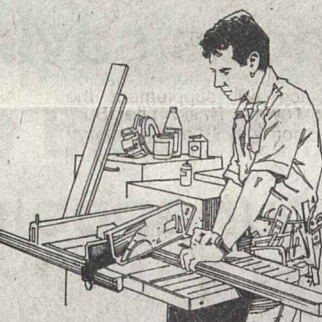
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Austin Prep announces new Hall of Fame Class

Austin Prep is having its 2014 Athletic Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony on Saturday, April 5 at the Wyndham Andover hotel in Andover, Mass. Below are this year's induction class.

Daniel J. Kelly, Class of 1969
Inducted for: Football, Men's Basketball, Baseball
Currently lives: San Diego, Calif.
Formerly lived: Reading, Mass.
Achievements at Austin Prep: Three-time letterman in football, basketball and baseball; two-time Catholic League All-Star in football and baseball. Attended the University of Massachusetts Amherst and played baseball.

Michael G. McAuliffe, Class of 1978
Inducted for: Golf
Currently lives: Andover, Mass.
Formerly lived: Bedford, Mass.
Achievements at Austin Prep: Three-time letterman in golf, and two-year golf captain; two-time Merrimack Valley Conference All-Star; All-Scholastic in 1977; two-time MIAA North Sectional medalist. Attended Dartmouth College and played golf.

Antone Lauria, Class of 1987
Inducted for: Men's Soccer, Indoor Track, Baseball
Currently lives: Peabody, Mass.
Formerly lived: Beverly, Mass.
Achievements at Austin Prep: Three-time Catholic Central League all-star in soccer and leading scorer for all three varsity seasons. Attended Daniel Webster College and played soccer.

Richard F. Callahan, Class of 1989
(posthumous induction)
Inducted for: Football, Men's Basketball, Baseball
Lived in: Burlington, Mass. (His brother, Michael Callahan '87 of North Andover, Mass., will accept the award)
Achievements at Austin Prep: Three-time letterman in football, basketball and baseball, captain of all three sports in his senior year. Record holder for single season scoring in basketball. Attended Bentley College. He passed away in 1991.

Kimberly M. (MacElhaney) Bruff, Class of 2003
Inducted for: Women's Ice Hockey
Currently lives: Reading, Mass.
Formerly lived: Andover, Mass.
Achievements at Austin Prep: Four-year letter winner in ice hockey, three-time All-Scholastic, three-time Catholic Central League All-Star and two-time League MVP; multiple records holder in goal scoring. Attended the University of Maine Orono and played ice hockey.

1996 Varsity Football Team
There were 43 players on the undefeated Catholic Central Small League Champion team, which lost to Weston in the Division VI Super Bowl. There were eight League First Team All-Stars; records for: most wins in a season, fewest points allowed in a season, most team interceptions in a season.



The captains of this year's WHS Cheerleading team, from left Danielle Rae, Mckayla Hersom and Julie Welch proudly display the team's Division 3 state finalist trophy during the state competition held on Sunday. (courtesy photo).

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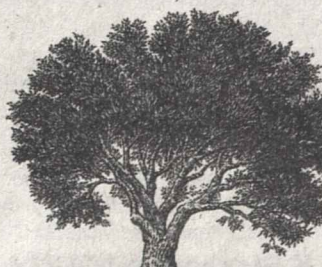
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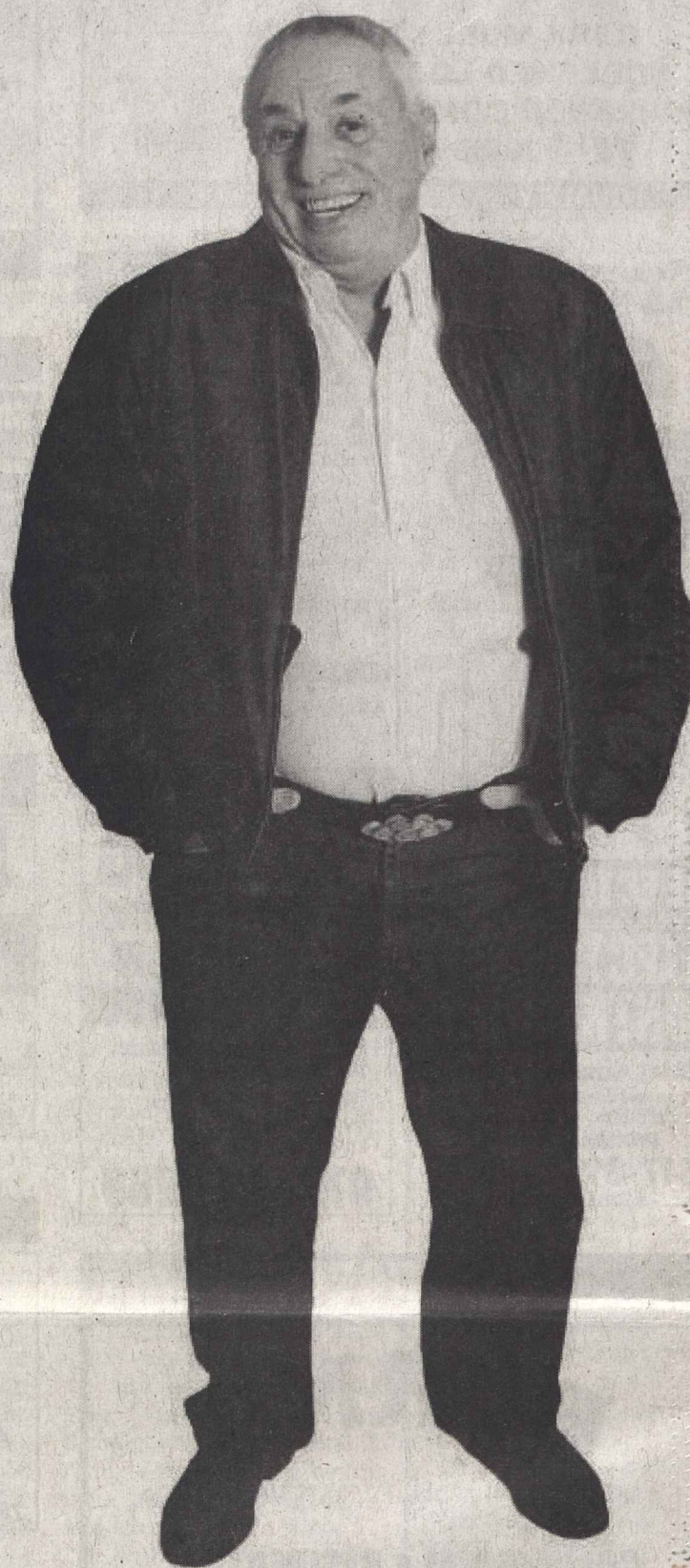
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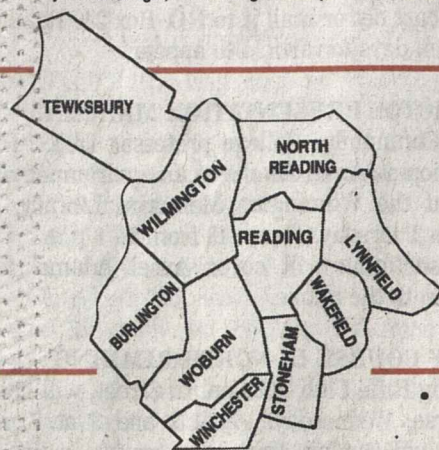
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Running the Boston Marathon for domestic abuse victims

Stoneham Police Sgt. David Thistle



By RYAN LAROCHE

On April 21, tens of thousands of people will fill 1 Ash St. in Hopkington for the 117th running of the Boston Marathon. Due to the bombings last year, the Boston Athletic Association has opened registration to more runners than usual. Early reports had the amount of runners nearing the record set in 1996 for the 100th anniversary (38,708).

Residents from all over the Middlesex East readership area will take to the streets for various reasons. One resident in particular has a very meaningful reason to participate in this year's race. He's running in support of Respond Inc., a domestic violence shelter.

Sgt. David Thistle has been with the Stoneham Police Department for more than a decade. In that time, he's responded to many domestic violence incidents. Thanks to a grant from the Department of Justice for \$176,735, Stoneham was able to partner up with Respond to help those in need.

Boston is the oldest marathon in the world, started after the success of the 1896 Olympic marathon. The race is run by elite athletes and those out to support a worthwhile cause. This year, those who completed at least half the race last year gain automatic entry.

There's no doubt that the 117th version of the marathon will be the most emotional. The course will not only be filled with the usual top runners from Kenya and other African countries, but also with those who were left stranded last year and those running to support a victim of the bombings.

Sgt. Thistle said that thanks to the federal grant money, he and his fellow officers are able to put victim's of domestic violence in touch with Respond for social services and "get them in a better place."

Respond runs a shelter in Somerville.

The sergeant said that he's seen an uptick in domestic violence incidents over the years in Stoneham, particularly as it relates to strangulations. While Respond won't help curb those incidents, it will help the victims move forward by offering them a place to get away.

"We have a great relationship with them," Sgt. Thistle said. "I have the phone numbers of the many social workers and can call at any hour of the night."

He said the shelter will take men, women, children, and members of the LGBT community. Usually, when police respond to domestic violence incidents, it's between a husband and wife or boyfriend and girlfriend, Sgt. Thistle noted.

He said other local communities also work with Respond including Wakefield, Melrose and North Reading.

The group, which formed in 1974, aims to provide life-saving shelter, support services, training, and education to more than 100,000 members of the community. Services are free and confidential, and available to all survivors of domestic abuse.

Outside of Sgt. Thistle, three others are also representing Team Respond at the marathon: Kate, a division 1 college track athlete, Sarah, who runs approximately 30 miles a week, and Don, who will be competing in his sixth marathon.

For Sgt. Thistle, he's been training for the past year by running two half marathons. Even though it's been a cold winter, Sgt. Thistle has been out there pounding the pavement. He's usually by himself, but occasionally he runs with a partner.

He hopes his family and friends will be at the finish line cheering him on, though he said he doesn't know about his fellow officers. Unfortunately, they might be a

little busy working.

When asked about competing in future years, the sergeant said he hadn't thought that far ahead. He is just focused on this year and making it through the 26.2 mile journey.

One of the main reasons Sgt. Thistle chose to take on this challenge has to do with his two little girls at home. He has three-year old and six-year old daughters who might someday be victims of domestic violence. Running for Respond will ensure that they'll always have somewhere to go and someone who's looking out for them.

For those interested in donating to Sgt. Thistle's cause, please drop off or mail checks or money to the Stoneham Police Department (47 Central St.) directed to Sgt. David Thistle. Checks can be made out to Respond. Sgt. Thistle asks that donors include their name and address. Donations can also be made at <https://www.fundraise.com/respond-inc/davids-2014-marathon-page>.

Domestic violence

The National Domestic Violence Hotline states that "domestic violence doesn't look the same in every relationship because every relationship is different. But one thing most abusive relationships have in common is that the abusive partner does many different kinds of things to have more power and control over their partners."

For those who feel their partner is becoming abusive, there are some warning signs. According to Respond, if you answer yes to any of the following questions, you may need some help.

Has your partner ever:

- Hit, kicked, shoved, strangled or hurt you in any physical way?



SERGEANT DAVID THISTLE WILL TAKE TO THE COURSE OF THE 117TH BOSTON MARATHON to raise awareness for domestic abuse. Thistle is raising funds as race day fast approaches. This year's marathon is expected to be under heavy security after the bombings at last year's event.

cal way?

- Screamed at you, put you down, threatened, ridiculed or criticized you repeatedly?

- Been constantly or violently jealous?

- Punched the wall or broken things in anger?

- Blamed you for their problems?

- Used or threatened to use a gun, knife or other weapon against you?

- Told you no one will believe you?

- Kept you from seeing Thistle to S-4

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Movie Reviews

"300: Rise of an Empire"

by Paul Feely



"300: RISE OF AN EMPIRE" is not great by any stretch of the imagination, but it's very impressive in its single-minded dedication to creating a moviegoing experience designed to totally engulf its audience.

"300: RISE OF AN EMPIRE"
GRADE: **

One would be hard-pressed to find a movie out right now that is a bigger spectacle than "300: Rise of an Empire."

The picture is packed with vertiginous vistas of heaving seas and roiling storm clouds and landscapes of carnage and mayhem and blood. Above all, blood, gushing and geysering.

All of it - seas and skies, guts and gore - is digitally rendered and therefore highly stylized as writer-producer Zack Snyder and director Noam Murro seek to expand upon and outdo what Snyder achieved in his breakout 2006 blockbuster "300."

This film doesn't feature the relatively gore-free PG-13 swordplay of "The Legend of Hercules" and "Pompeii," this year's earlier sword-and-sandal wannabe epics. "Rise of an Empire" goes all out in every respect. It's outrageously and unapologetically excessive in its R-rated violence and aching awful in its dialogue. Sample line: "Today we will dance across the backs of dead Greeks. Today we deliver submission!"

Inspired, as was "300," by a graphic novel by Frank Miller, "Empire" takes place in 480 B.C., the same time as the events in "300," when Sparta's King Leonidas (Gerard Butler) and his well-muscled band of 300 warriors were wiped out by Persian hordes. There is only slight overlap between "Empire" and "300" as Butler didn't want to do the sequel. He appears only briefly in scenes lifted from "300," and actors from the first picture, Rodrigo Santoro as the Persian god-king Xerxes and Lena Headey as Spartan Queen Gorgo, are very much secondary players this time around.

"Empire" tells the parallel tale of the Athenian navy under the command of the general Themistokles (usually spelled Themistocles), played with rough-hewn authority by Australian actor Sullivan Stapleton. Themistokles does battle with the vastly more powerful Persian fleet commanded by Artemisia, a female fighter performed with incredible ferocity by Eva Green. So fierce is Green in

the role - she lops off a man's head and then plants a great big smooch on his lips - that she's able to spit out the most ridiculous speeches with such overpowering forcefulness that they almost don't seem ridiculous at all. Almost.

"Rise of an Empire" is not great by any stretch of the imagination, but it's very impressive in its single-minded dedication to creating a moviegoing experience designed to totally engulf its audience. It's absurd but undeniably memorable.

"POMPEII"
GRADE: *

This film plays like Titanic meets Gladiator, but it's not as good as either of those.

This marginally competent but very predictable period disaster movie is what you get when you give a director like Paul W.S. Anderson (Resident Evil, AVP: Aliens Vs. Predators) \$100 million.

Pompeii's plotting is so relentlessly empty of surprise that you can be forgiven if you start reciting the dialogue along with the actors. Its leads are similarly dull, sharing only one pouty facial expression between the two of them.

Milo (Kit Harington) is the sole survivor of a Celtic horse tribe, which was slaughtered by Roman commander Corvus (Kiefer Sutherland camping it up). Raised as a slave, Milo becomes a chiseled gladiator who's brought to Pompeii to battle Atticus (Adewale Akinnuoye-Agbaje), an African pugilist one fight away from retirement ... er ... earning his freedom. It's fair to say that these men will become buddy-gladiators, like Mel Gibson and Danny Glover in Lethal Weapon.

Emily Browning is Cassia, the daughter of Pompeii's leader, Severus (Jared Harris), and his wife Aurelia (Carrie-Anne Moss). Fleeing Rome and the carnal attentions of Corvus, she meets Milo when her horse breaks its leg and the Celt lovingly snaps its neck. It's a romantic moment for the books.

With Milo headed for the arena and dastardly Corvus arriving to fund a real estate deal with Cassia's father, the table is set for a forbidden love affair between castes.

And then, wouldn't you know it, the volcano erupts.

This is where Anderson justifies his budget. Extras run around screaming as ash, flaming boulders, and a tsunami consume the city. The 3-D effects shoot soot and debris at our faces, as great plumes of smoke billow from Vesuvius. The chaos and carnage is almost impressive.

There are also horse chases and PG-13 sword fights to fill the gaps. The best involves muscle-bound Milo and Atticus taking on a battalion of Roman soldiers. Fight choreographer Jean Frenette (300) does a top-notch job of concocting an exciting battle. Too bad Anderson's camera can barely keep up.

Clearly created for the international market with dialogue too simple for subtitles and big-things-go-boom effects, Pompeii's spectacle occasionally makes you forget just how mediocre it really is. Unfortunately, whenever your brain slips into action-movie-cruise-control, the doomed love story pops back in to ruin the fun.

"ROBOCOP"
GRADE: **

My question, before I even saw this film, was why? Why do a remake so similar to the original?

But Robocop is actually a pretty good movie with a pretty good script and a fine cast, headed by Gary Oldman, Michael Keaton, Abbie Cornish, Jackie Earle Haley, Samuel L. Jackson, and Joel Kinnaman as Alex Murphy, the Detroit policeman whose body is destroyed with only his head, heart, and lungs remaining, who is morphed into a cyborg by Oldman.

Kinnaman, a Swede, looks a lot like Peter Weller in the original, but maybe that's because Robocop's armored body is almost an exact duplicate of the one 25 years ago.

The cast makes the remake worthwhile. Cornish is a terrific actress. Keaton is one of the more underappreciated, underused talents in Hollywood. I've never seen him give a bad performance and he's just as good here as he ever has been, although his real strength is comedy. However, in a twist from the original, he's not nearly as outwardly evil as his character was then.

Oldman takes a role that could have been forgettable and makes you look forward to his next appearance onscreen. Haley is a fine sociopath and Jackson appears as a convincing TV polemic.

This Robocop is the same story we saw in 1987 with a big corporation as the bad guy. What's amazing is that the special effects aren't really that much different than the special effects in the original, more than a quarter century ago, despite a huge leap in technology since then.

While maybe they were making the point that love can transcend the physical and can survive without it, keeping Alex's wife in the picture until the end, something that the original did not do,

was depressing.

Her constant reappearances kept reminding the audience that there was no way they could ever get together for any kind of normal physical relationship.

This new 'Robocop' can stand on its own as pretty good entertainment.

Trivia, minstrels and more this March

The Woburn Historical Society has planned several fun events planned for the month of March.

Trivia Night with Dennis McElhiney - Friday March 14. Topics will include movies, TV, music, sports, government, current events, food, religion, science, and history. Doors open at 6:15 at the Tanner Tavern, 474 Main Street in Woburn. Questions begin at 7 p.m.

Entry fee is \$10 per person which includes snacks at the tables. Cash bar. Make check payable to Woburn Historical Society and mail to P.O. box 91, Woburn. Questions call 781-933-5002.

Merry Minstrels - Sunday, March 16. Observe Saint Patrick's Day with musical group, The Merry Minstrels, for a performance celebrating the music and culture of the Emerald Isle. There will be a fun sing-a-long.

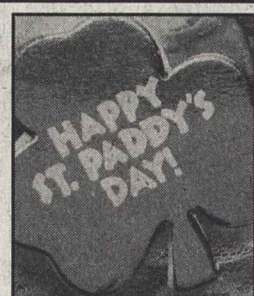
The location is the Hellenic Cultural Center at Annunciation Greek Church, 70 Montvale Ave in Woburn at 3 p.m.

"These Old Houses" exhibit - Saturday, March 22. The exhibit features a multitude of pictures from the mid-17th century through the late-19th century showing Woburn's diverse historic homes that shaped its neighborhoods, including Woburn's oldest house, the Loammi Baldwin Mansion, a Federal style house built in 1661.

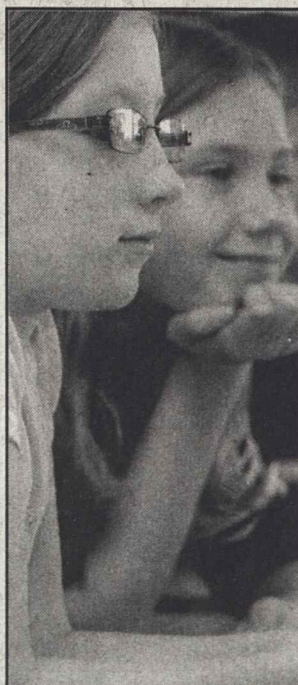
Exhibit is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Burdett Mansion, 7 Mishawum Road in Woburn.

Square Dance this Sunday

The Single Squares will hold a Spring Dance on Sunday March 16 from 2 - 5 p.m. at St. Malachy's Church, 99 Bedford Street in Burlington. The caller is Jerry Maurice and cuer is Scott Cohen. Mainstream with 2 Plus Tips. Cost is \$7 per person.



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ANSEL ADAMS PHOTOS PRESENTATION MARCH 13

Northern Essex Community College professor Lance Hidy will give a presentation on Ansel Adams as an environmentalist and photographer at the Wilmington Memorial Library, 175 Middlesex Avenue on Thursday, March 13 from 7 - 8 p.m.

Hidy's slide presentation will cover Ansel Adams' long career. Free and open to the public.

FIREARM SAFETY COURSE IN NORTH READING

The North Reading Rifle Club, 242 Central Street, will host a firearm safety course, Wednesdays April 2 and 9 at 7 p.m. Certified instructors will explain firearm operation, safe handling, storage, transportation and laws.

Each participant will shoot a rifle, revolver and semi-automatic hand gun. A certificate required by Mass law, when applying for a Class A or B license to carry, or firearms identification card will be issued to everyone completing the course.

To register, or for more information, call Richard Morrisette at 978-657-7291.

KNITTING GUILD MEETS THURSDAY, MARCH 13

The Baa Baa Black Sheep Knitting Guild will meet this Thursday, March 13. The meeting will feature learning how to knit with beads.

Bring worsted weight yarn, size H crochet hook or smaller and double point needles same size as crochet hook. The Guild will provide the beads.

The meeting takes place at 7 p.m. at the Stoneham Senior Center, 136 Elm Street in Stoneham. Beginners welcome.

BREAKHEART RESERVATION PRESENTATION

The Next meeting of the Lynnfield Historical Society will take place on March 18 at 7:30 p.m. in the 1714 Meeting House.

The meeting will feature a slide presentation by Alison Simcox and Douglas Heath, the authors of "Breakheart Reservation."

Breakheart Reservation in Saugus covers over 600 acres with expansive views to the south, north and east.

IRISH MUSIC, STORIES AND HISTORY AT OSV

Old Sturbridge Village will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with an Irish-themed weekend of song, stories and history during its Celtic Celebration weekend March 15 - 16.

Daytime activities include Irish music, step dancing, stories and more. The Irish band Full Gael will also perform a Celtic music concert at 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 15. For full details visit www.osv.org.

TRADITIONAL IRISH DINNER MARCH 17

The Reading-North Reading Chamber of Commerce, Reading and North Reading Rotary will host a Traditional Irish Dinner on Monday, March 17 at noon at the Hillview Country Club, 149 North Street in North Reading.

\$20 per person. Cash bar. All are welcome. R.S.V.P. by March 12 to Janet Wolbrom, the Executive Director RNRCChambercom@aol.com

SPRING TREE, SHRUB AND PERENNIAL SALE

The Middlesex Conservation District Spring Tree, Shrub and Perennial Sale will be held on Friday, April 25 from 3 - 6 p.m. and Saturday, April 26 from 8 a.m. to noon at the 4H Fairgrounds, 51 South Chelmsford Road in Westford.

All items can be pre-ordered through March 31 at www.middlesexconservation.org or by calling 978-692-9395.

BROTHERS SUN AT IVY CHORD MARCH 29

National touring artists Joe Jencks, Greg Greenway and Pat Wictor, "Brother Sun", will be at the Ivy Chord Coffeehouse located at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Reading, 239 Woburn Street on Saturday, March 29. Doors open at 7:15, concert at 8 p.m.

Brother Sun is an explosion of musical diversity and harmony fusing folk, Americana, blues, pop, jazz, rock, and a cappella singing. Tickets and concert information can be found at www.uureading.org/concerts

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Join the Arbor Day Foundation in March and receive 10 free white flowering dogwood trees. The trees will be shipped at the right time for planting. The 6 - 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow.

To become a member of the Foundation and receive the free trees, send a \$10 contribution to: Ten Free Dogwood Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Avenue, Nebraska City, NE 68410 by March 30 or at arborday.org/march.

LENTEN FISH DINNER FRIDAY, MARCH 28

A Lenten Fish Dinner will be held on Friday, March 28 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. at St. Barbara's Church Hall, 138 Cambridge Road in Woburn. Joseph's Caterers will be featuring a Baked Haddock dinner, a Cheese Lasagna dinner, or pizza for the children.

Tickets are \$18 for adults and \$6 for children 10 and under and are available after-all masses, at the rectory, or by contacting Mary Ann at 781-935-5628 or chorltonm312@gmail.com.

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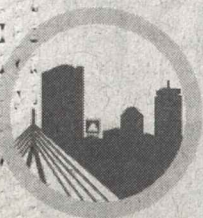
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5 Tuesdays at Tewksbury Library Events to remember 2013 Marathon bombings



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On Tuesday, March 18 at 7 p.m., the public is invited to an illustrated presentation on "Bled For Boston," a photography project documenting the people who received tattoos after the Boston Marathon bombing.

Founder Chris Padgett, recently featured on WBZ News and in Boston Magazine, says, "Bostonians everywhere showed their support for the city after the bombings. Many tattoo shops in Massachusetts stepped up and offered Boston-themed tattoos, donating their profits to The One Fund Boston. I wanted to capture the people that dedicated permanent space on their bodies as memorials to their city, first responders and the people who lost their lives at the Marathon."

Get the first look at this fascinating year-long project, which officially launches this April with an exhibition at the Boston Center for Adult Education and the publication of a book. Learn more about the project at www.bledforboston.com.

On Tuesday, March 25 at 7

p.m., the public is invited to an illustrated presentation on The 27th Mile: Going the Extra Mile to Support the Victims of The Boston Marathon Bombing, a collection of writings from local runners, including former Boston Marathon winner Amby Burfoot, explaining their passion for the sport.

According to editor Ray Charbonneau, "Within this book, you'll find stories that extol the spirit that first got us on the roads to run, that brought us to Boston on a sunny spring day, and that will bring us back to Hopkinton next year and in the years that follow. It's the spirit we celebrate every time we go for a run, whatever the distance."

Charbonneau will also be on hand to answer questions and sign copies of the book, which will be available for purchase. Proceeds from each sale will be donated to the One Fund. Learn more about the book at www.27thmile.com.

On Tuesday, April 1 at 7 p.m., the public is invited to contribute to "Our Marathon," a crowd-sourced, digital archive of pictures, videos, stories and social media related to the Boston Marathon bombing.

Northeastern University, which hosts the project, stresses that no contribution

Library To S-5

Please check your local "Daily Times Chronicle" for daily updates.

CELEBRATING NATURE (READING)

"The Reading Climate Advisory Committee is proud to present 'Kids Celebrate Nature' for its Earth Day Celebration. The event will take place on Saturday, April 5th from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Mattera Cabin at 1481 Main Street, Reading," notes the Reading edition of the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Kids' activities will include nature walks, identifying trees your age, a nature scavenger hunt, learning to use a compass, a recycle relay race and various fun and crafts. Adults will discover interesting insights on gardening and composting, energy and water conservation, as well as Reading's conserva-

tion lands and trails.

"Be sure to mark your calendars for Saturday, April 5th and join us for this enjoyable annual family event to celebrate our wonderful planet Earth."

100 IN WILMINGTON (WITH A BIT OF TEWKSBURY AND WOBURN)

"Okay Mom. Four letters.... Couch..." Marilyn Cox is working on a crossword puzzle with her mother who became legally blind in June," notes the Wilmington/Tewksbury "Town Crier."

"Sofa!" she responds. Upbeat and sharp as a tack, Anne Jack Rose recently celebrated her 100th birthday ...

"Marilyn held an elaborate celebration for her mother back in August, with 180 guests from around the coun-

try. Tents in the backyard, food, a hot fudge sundae bar - her favorite - and a bagpipe player, reminiscent of Scotland, where Anne's parents immigrated from in 1895. A summer party seemed like a far better option than asking friends and family to visit Wilmington, Massachusetts in the middle of winter...

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"The Roses were very patriotic. While Ted was in the Coast Guard, Anne was at the parades with her flag, dressed in red, white and blue..."

She's still a member of the Tewksbury Elks, and she worked at the Town Book Fair in Woburn until she was 80 years old.

She moved from Medford to Tewksbury to be with her family after Ted passed in 1981, and now lives in Wilmington as part of four generations under one roof.

DIFFERENT NUMBERS (BURLINGTON)

"The administration recently presented the School Committee with the fiscal 2015 elementary school budget which came in at \$11,971,598," notes the Burlington edition of

the "Daily Times Chronicle."

"Director of Finance and Operations Craig Robinson informed the committee that the budget figure for the elementary schools is up 3.79 percent, or \$435,000 from fiscal 2014...."

20 IN WILMINGTON AND WINCHESTER

"Winchester Hospital's Cardiac and Pulmonary Rehabilitation Center recently celebrated its 20th anniversary on Tuesday at the Wilmington Health Center," notes the Wilmington "Town Crier."

NEW NUMBERS TO CON- SIDER (WAKEFIELD)

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About the Towns

by Phyllis Nissen

ALMOST ALL ABOUT NUMBERS

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PASTEL DEMONSTRATION MARCH 12

On Wednesday, March 12 the Reading Art Association will have Jeanne Smith doing a pastel demonstration at 7:30 P.M. at the First Congregational Church in Reading.

Jeanne is a signature member of the Pastel Society of America and loves working with the velvety richness, the pure color and the direct touch which pastel alone affords.

To see the demo, go to Guild Hall at the church, middle side door on Sanborn Street. Refreshments will be served.

ST. PATRICK'S DAY SOCIAL SATURDAY, MARCH 15

The Woburn Boys and Girls Club will hold a Saint Patrick's Day Social on Saturday, March 15. This evening offers a night of friends, food, dancing and of course a little luck of the Irish.

\$40 tickets include a full corned beef and cabbage dinner, live band and DJ, free raffle and a seat to see who takes home the \$20,000 Grand Prize drawing.

For more information please contact info@bgcwoburn.org.

HIGHLAND PIPE BAND PERFORMS MARCH 22

The award-winning Stuart Highland Pipe Band will perform in concert on Saturday, March 22 at the Chelmsford Performing Arts Center in North Chelmsford. Doors open at 7 p.m. and the concert begins at 7:30 p.m. Special guests will be traditional and modern Irish musicians, Matt and Shannon Heaton.

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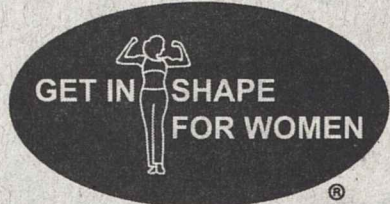
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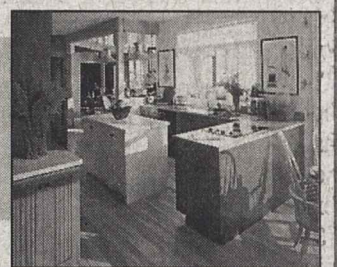
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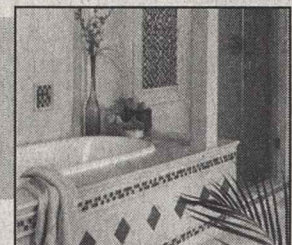
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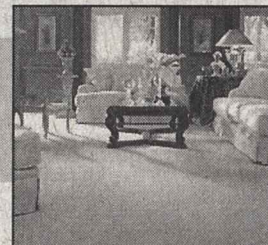


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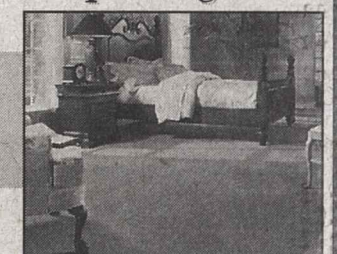


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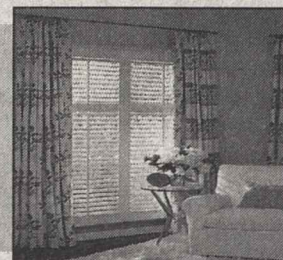


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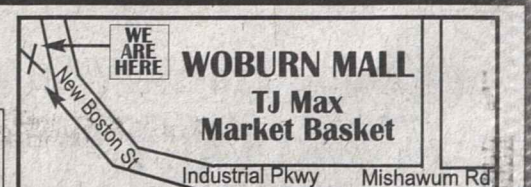


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Athletes & Activities

by Paul Feely

•MIDDLESEX EAST SPORTS WEEKLY TRIVIA:

Since 1975 there have only been four individuals who acted as player/managers in MLB, the last being in 1986. Name three of the four.

Answer appears elsewhere in this column.

• WHEELLOCK COLLEGE WOMEN'S BASKETBALL PLAYER MICHELLE WOODS (WILMINGTON, MA) was named the New England Collegiate Conference Rookie of the Year and also landed a spot on the All-Conference First Team, it was announced today by the NECC.

NECC all-conference selections are determined by a vote of the conference coaches. Additional players honored are due to ties in the voting process.

Woods becomes the first player in school history to be named the conference Rookie of the Year and the most recent Wildcat to earn First Team All-Conference honors since Erica Menduni (1998-2002) was named to the North Atlantic Conference First Team in 2001. She is also just the second freshman in league history to be named to the NECC First Team. The first year player turned in, perhaps, the greatest season in school history, establishing school standards for points (500), field goals made (172) and free throws made (152), while pulling down 243 rebounds for the third-highest total in school annals. The center was named NECC Rookie of the Week a league-best six times and ranked second in the league in scoring with 19.2 points per game, including 20.2 in league contests, while placing fifth with 9.3 rebounds per outing and 9.5 in NECC action. She led the circuit in made free throws and knocked down her tries from the line at a rate of 71.7% (152-212) to stand seventh among NECC players, while her 72.4% (113-156) mark in conference games was the fifth-most accurate figure in the league. A graduate of Wilmington High School, Woods also averaged 1.2 assists and steals per game, while blocking 17 shots for the ninth-most in a season in Wheelock history. Her 39.6% (172-434) field goal percentage ranks as the sixth-most accurate mark in program history, while her free throw percentage places her 10th all-time in a season.

The post player proved to be one of the most consistent players in the nation, notching double-digit point totals in all but one of the 26 games she appeared in, including her final 21 contests. Woods scored 20 or more points on 14 occasions, including a rookie-record 35 points for the Wildcats to go with 12 rebounds and career highs of five assists and five steals in the team's 88-83 overtime victory over Southern Vermont College on February 8. She also canned all 13 of her free throw attempts in the game to set a new school record and, in four outings, drained 100% of her free throw tries with a minimum of seven attempts. Woods posted 11 double-doubles for the season and grabbed 12 or more boards six times, including a career-best 17 in addition to 23 points at Pine Manor College on November 21. Her most dominant stretch of the season came from January 16 to February 1 when she netted 20 or more points in six straight games and averaged 24.3 points, 9.8 rebounds and 1.7 steals per game during the stretch.

Wheelock finished the season with a 6-20 overall record to match the school record for season victories, including 5-13 in NECC play. The Wildcats finished their season by appearing in the NECC Tournament for their first playoff appearance since 2002. Seventh-seeded Wheelock was defeated by second-seeded Elms College, 79-57, on February 25 in Chicopee.

•Need some help with the trivia question? One of the player/managers is Pete Rose.

•Hokies' junior Alex Perez notched an RBI single to give Virginia Tech a 4-3 win in 11 innings over UMass Lowell at English Field in Blacksburg, Va. With the win Virginia Tech is 5-2 overall, while UMass Lowell falls to 4-2 on the season. The River Hawks and Hokies will have a short rest as both teams will play again in the Virginia Tech Tournament.

SENIOR NICK BOUTOURES (WILMINGTON, MASS.) worked out of a bases loaded, no out jam to push the game into the 11 innings. The Hokies hit into a fielders choice for the first out after a ground ball came right to Ricoy, who threw home for the force play. Boutoures then struck

out the next two guys to secure the tie.

Boutoures would eventually get the loss after allowing the first two batters to reach in the bottom of the 11 before freshman Raz Bracha (Irvine, Calif.) gave up the single to Perez. Hokie's senior Tanner McIntyre earned the win after pitching a 5.2 scoreless innings.

•The UMass Lowell men's track and field team turned in a solid performance on the second day of competition at the New England Championships, at the Boston University Tennis and Track Center.

River Hawk men finished ninth out of some 37 schools that scored points and more than 60 that sent teams to the Championship.

UMass Lowell was competing despite the limited recovery time after last weekend's America East Conference Championships

in which numerous athletes competed in multiple events. A strong showing in the 1,000 meters highlighted the day. Senior Omar Abdi (Charlestown, Mass.) and junior Cameron Kelley (Methuen, Mass.) finished two-three in the event. Senior Christian Kusch (Salem, Mass.) finished sixth.

SENIOR CAMERON MITCHELL (WAKEFIELD, MASS.) turned in a personal best in the 60 meter hurdles. His time of 8.21-seconds earned him a seventh place finish.

•ANSWER TO THIS WEEK'S TRIVIA QUESTION: Pete Rose (Reds 1984-86), Don Kessinger (White Sox 1979), Joe Torre (Mets 1977), Frank Robinson (Indians 1975-76)

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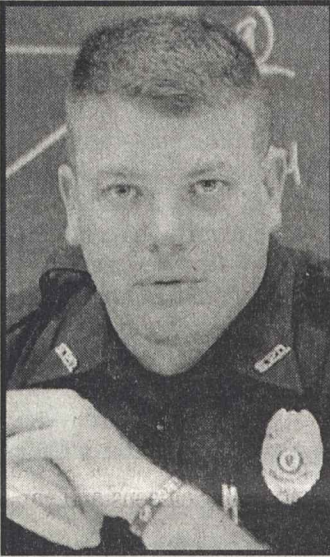
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Dinner ready in 45 minutes! Enjoy this scrumptious chicken pot pie packed with veggies and herbs - a hearty casserole!

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Heat oven to 350°F. In 3-quart saucepan, melt butter over medium heat. Add onion; cook, stirring frequently, until tender. Stir in vegetables, chicken, chicken broth, salt and thyme; heat to boiling. In small bowl, mix 3/4 cup milk and the cornstarch with wire whisk until smooth; stir into chicken mixture. Heat just to boiling. Pour into ungreased 2-quart casserole.

2. In small bowl, stir all topping ingredients except parsley with fork until blended. Drop topping mixture by small spoonfuls over chicken mixture. Sprinkle with parsley.

3. Bake 25 to 30 minutes or until toothpick inserted in center of topping comes out clean.

TIPS
Always read labels to make sure each recipe ingredient is gluten free. Products and ingredient sources can change.

Nutrition Information
Serving Size: 1 Serving Calories290 (Calories from Fat110), Total Fat13g (Saturated Fat7g, Trans Fat0g), Cholesterol90mg Sodium830mg Total Carbohydrate28g (Dietary Fiber3g Sugars6g), Protein16g ; % Daily Value*: Vitamin A60%; Vitamin C4%; Calcium10%; Iron8%; Exchanges:1 1/2 Starch; 0 Fruit; 0 Other Carbohydrate; 0 Skim Milk; 0 Low-Fat Milk; 0 Milk; 1 Vegetable; 0 Very Lean Meat; 1 1/2 Lean Meat; 0 High-Fat Meat; 1 1/2 Fat; Carbohydrate Choices:2 *Percent Daily Values are based on a 2,000 calorie diet.

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A cast of Fenwick students from all over the greater North Shore area will bring the '50's back to life on the stage at Bishop Fenwick High School.

"The cast is all having so much fun together- including several students who have never performed on stage before, as well as faculty and staff taking on cameo roles," says producer Laurel Weatherby, who is also an Art Teacher at the school. "It's the perfect musical for high school students... playing high school students! It really shows that although the clothes and the slang may change, much of being a teenager is the same today as it was in the '50's!"

The nearly 50 students participating in the show include Renee Carraggi of Saugus as Patty Simcox, Curtis Craffey of Lynnfield as Kenickie, Nina Finocchiaro of Saugus as Rizzo, Nina Groom of Swampscott as Frenchy, Amanda Howard of Peabody as Marty, Lauren Nicholas of Peabody as Jan, Joshua Niconchuk of Peabody as Roger, Jhonathan Oliveira of Peabody as Sonny, Katherine Pollock of Danvers as Miss Lynch, Francesca Primavera of Lynnfield as Cha Cha, Nicholas Tambini of North Reading as Danny, Craig Tattan of Beverly as Eugene,



Daniel Tremblay of Peabody as Doody, Michaela Tremblay of Beverly Jenny Casino and Paige Vigneron of Marblehead as Sandy. Ensemble members include: Olivia Avery of Lynn, Tina Bartolomeo of Peabody, Nora Birner of Beverly, David Connolly of Peabody as Roger, Hadassah Cormier of Lynn, Derek Dellisola of Peabody, Nicholas Finan of Salem, Kelly Golden of Marblehead, Allyson Languirand of Peabody, Steven LaRochelle of Peabody, Arianna Maida of Peabody, Melissa Mejia of Revere, Lauren Page of Tewksbury (Dance Captain), Laura Pasquale of Wakefield, Erika Patnaude of Peabody, Olivia Petras of Peabody, Michela Prisco of North Reading, Talia Sabelli of Swampscott, Brandy Shabowich of Danvers, Allyson Shea of Peabody, Meghan Shinnick of Lynn and Twinkle-Murielle Yumasi of Peabody.

Tech and Stage Crew members include: Eric Loehle of Georgetown (Pianist), Conner Adams of Middleton, Kevin Barnum of Beverly, Julia Cook of Salem, Elizabeth Crowley of Danvers, Joseph D'Orazio of West Newbury, Marissa Giampietro of Danvers, Andrea MacGown of Ipswich, Domenic Ruocco of Peabody, Margaret Schlich

of Amesbury, Steven Suchcicki of Danvers.

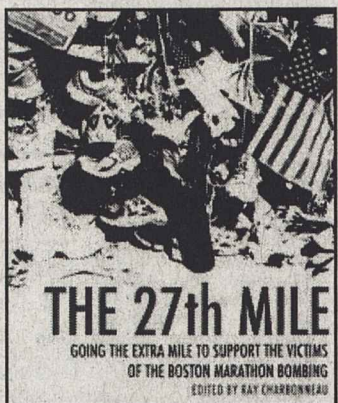
For Director Bob Gautreau, this is his second show with Fenwick. Gautreau, who received a Theater Education Degree from Emerson, is happy to be back working with the students of Bishop Fenwick.

The high school love story, written by Jim Jacobs and Warren Casey, has thrilled audiences since breaking out on Broadway in 1972. Based on Jacobs' own experiences as an adolescent, Grease became a huge hit around the world thanks to the hit film starring Olivia Newton John and John Travolta. The show features all the unforgettable songs from the hit film including 'You're The One That I Want', 'Grease Is The Word', 'Summer Nights', 'Hopelessly Devoted to You', 'Sandy', 'Greased Lightnin' and many more.

Grease will be performed at Bishop Fenwick High School, 99 Margin Street, Peabody, MA. Performance times are Friday March 14th at 7pm, Saturday March 15th at 7pm and Sunday March 16th at 2pm. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for students and senior citizens and can be purchased at the door or online at www.fenwick.org/arts.

Library From S-3

is too small. According to its website, the archive will "allow the public to explore not only what happened during the event, but also how the event was experienced by Bostonians, visitors to the city, and those many members of the 'Boston diaspora' who were far away but deeply engaged in the unfolding events. The archive will serve as a long-term memorial, preserving these records for students and researchers, providing future historians with invaluable, local windows into an important national event." Library staff will provide laptop stations and assist residents in uploading their stories (or photos, text messages, social media, etc.) to the archive's website. Learn more about the archive at www.marathon.neu.edu.



On Tuesday, April 8 at 7pm, the public is invited to an illustrated presentation on "Aftermath: A Photographic Reflection on the Boston Marathon Bombings," a photography collection that captures how the tragedy affected the people of Boston. For the ten weeks following the Boston Marathon bombings, professional photographer Joshua Touster comprehensively photographed all aspects of the bombing's aftermath, including the makeshift memorials; the bombing sites; first responders being honored at Fenway Park; the national media covering the bombings; the Tsarnaev home; the Watertown shootout location; crowds observing moments of

silence; and the dismantling of the memorials by City of Boston archivists. Touster will share these images, plus his own personal reflections of the bombings, including being locked down in his Watertown

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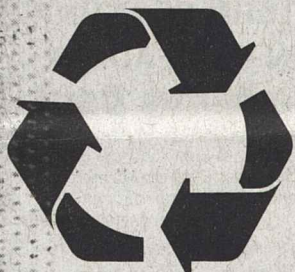
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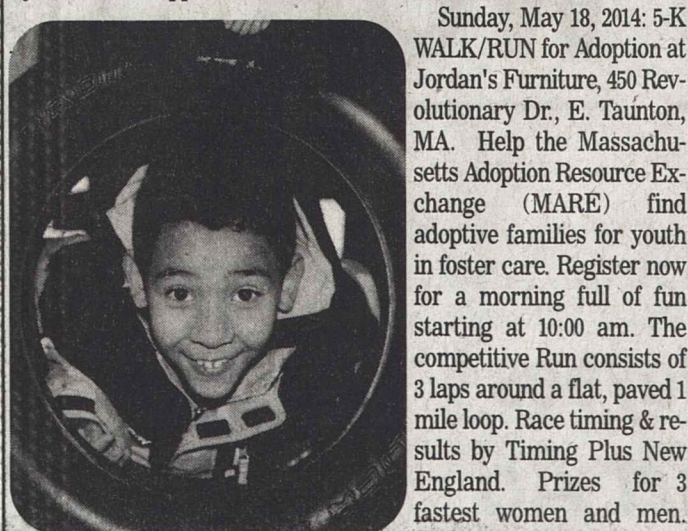
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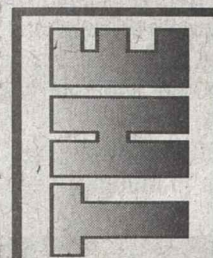
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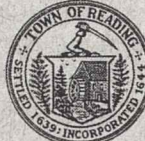
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29 BENNETT ST was sold to Manuela & Simone Fioretti by TRG Penta LLC for \$387,000
55 HARRISON AVE was sold to Stephen Venezia & Therese Duncan by Bruce A & Sheila P Mcphee for \$350,000
189 NAHANT ST was sold to Frank A Capone by Capone FT & Andrea E Capone for \$175,000
211 PLEASANT ST was sold to Patrick & Diandra McCarthy by Michael A & Anne M Marando for \$389,000
115 SALEM ST was sold to Trina L Obrien by Jason Scaduto for \$340,000
37 TUTTLE ST #37 was sold to TRG Penta LLC by Claire S Gentry & Sovereign Bank NA for \$145,000
40 WOODBRIAR RD was sold to Jason & Justine Clifford by Carl R Anderson LT & Joanne Green for \$310,000

-WILMINGTON-

3 SEWELL RD was sold to Andy D & Adriana G Botrero by Edward W & Helen B Mantey for \$370,000

-WINCHESTER-

895 MAIN ST was sold to 895 Main St Dev LLC by Lena Benincasa Est & Matthew R Benincasa for \$740,000
200 SWANTON ST #L37 was sold to Yan Shi by Nancy L Murray for \$190,000

-WOBURN-

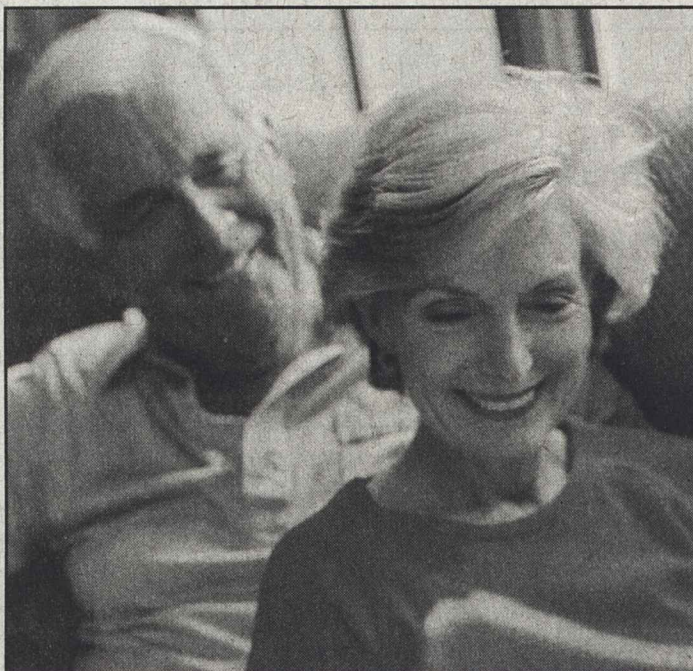
4 ALBERT DR #11 was sold to Santander Bank NA by Frances C Lorusso & Santander Bank NA for \$140,250
10 DRAPER ST #17 was sold to A&K Green LLC by 17 Draper LLC for \$220,000
122 HARRISON AVE was sold to William R & Brian M Peary by Peary FT & Brian M Peary for \$355,000
22 HART PL was sold to Jason E Clements & Allison Thambash by Kathleen B & Kathleen Dalrymple for \$325,000
10 RICH RD was sold to Bradley R Grill by Carowell LLC for \$415,000
293 SALEM ST was sold to JEM RT & James E Mahoney by James E Mahoney for \$10
295 SALEM ST #41 was sold to Eugenia Wallace by JMS Salem Place T & Mary L Slater for \$399,900

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602 CHESTNUT ST was sold to Francis J Rossetti by Patrick J Mcgrath for \$1,313,000

Things to consider before downsizing your home

Once their kids have left the nest, many men and women over 50 begin to consider downsizing their homes. Downsizing to a smaller home can be beneficial for a variety of reasons, including less home to clean and maintain, more affordable utility bills and lower property taxes. But the decision to downsize is rarely black and white, and men and women often struggle with that decision.



Perhaps the most difficult part of the decision of whether or not to downsize to a smaller home concerns the sentimental attachment many homeowners, especially those with children, have to their homes. The home might be too big for your current needs, but it also was the same place where your son took his first steps and where your daughter lost her first tooth. Saying goodbye to a place that was home to so many memories isn't easy. But there's more than just sentimental value to consider when deciding whether or not to downsize your home after the kids have grown up and moved out.

Personal finances

Your financial situation merits significant consideration when deciding if the time is right to downsize your home. If your retirement nest egg is not as substantial as you would like it to be, then it would seem as though downsizing to a smaller, more affordable home is a great opportunity for you to start catching up on your retirement savings. But that's only true if your new home won't incur any additional expenses that are already taken care of in your current home. For example, your current home may be fully furnished, while a new, smaller home may require you to buy all new furniture because your existing items simply won't fit. The cost of such furnishings can be considerable. If you plan to move into a condominium, you can expect to pay monthly homeowners association fees, and such fees are often sub-

stantial. So while the condo itself might be smaller, the additional expenses associated with the property may end up making the smaller home more expensive and prevent you from saving more money for retirement.

Real estate market

There are seller's markets and there are buyer's markets, and ideally you would like to sell your home in a seller's market. But keep in mind that this might be the same market in which you hope to buy a new home. The nature of the real estate market depends on a host of factors, including geography. If the city or town where you currently live is in the midst of a seller's market and you are planning on moving to a location where buyers have the upper hand, then now might be a great time to move. But if you currently live in a buyer's market and hope to move to a seller's market, then you may end up paying a steep price, even when downsizing to a smaller home. Things may even themselves out if you want to downsize to a smaller home within your current community, but do your homework nonetheless, researching the time of year when you're most likely to get the most for your home and find the best deal on your next place. The advantage men and women

considering downsizing have is that they are rarely in a rush to move out of their current home and into their next one. This gives them ample time to make the real estate market work for them.

Space

How much space do you really need? Once the kids have moved out, couples may feel like all of that extra space is going to waste. But that can be a knee-jerk reaction, and upon a more thorough examination of the space and your needs you may just find that you can put all of that extra square footage to good use after all. If you have always wanted your own art studio, then now might be the perfect time to make that a reality. Always wanted a room devoted to home theater? Get to work on converting your basement from an all-purpose game room to your own private movie theater. If, after considering the space in your home, you find that the extra square footage really is just upkeep you aren't especially interested in doing, then you would no doubt like a cozier home that's less of a responsibility to maintain.

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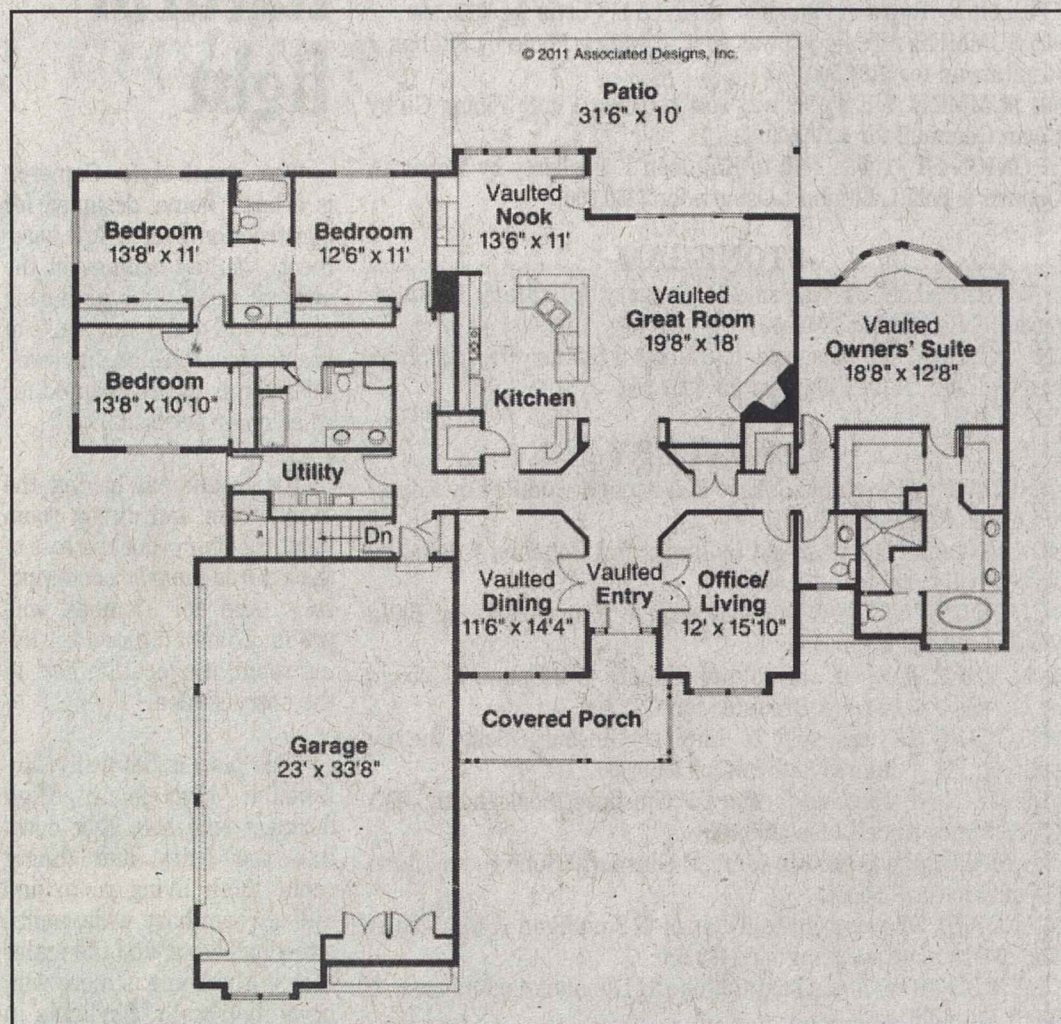
corner and wall farthest from the windows.

Comfortably roomy, the kitchen offers plenty of storage and enough counter space for a family of cooks to work together. The built-in desk is

convenient for keeping household business details well organized.

The Cameron's sleeping areas are widely separated. The owners' suite dominates the right wing while three more bedrooms, two baths and a utility room fill the opposite wing.

In the owners' suite, a window seat wraps around the wide, curved window bay. Other amenities include: his 'n' hers walk-in closets, double vanity, walk-in shower, private toilet, and a spa tub with plant shelf.

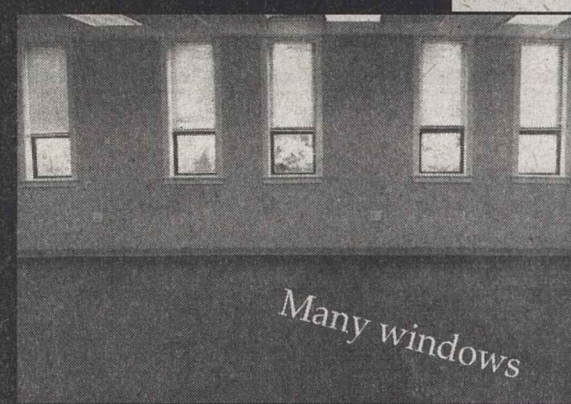


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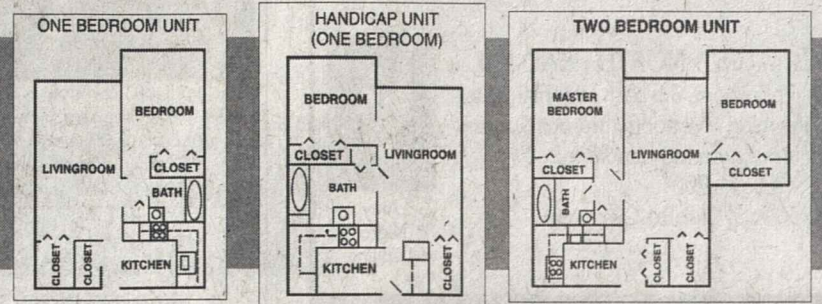


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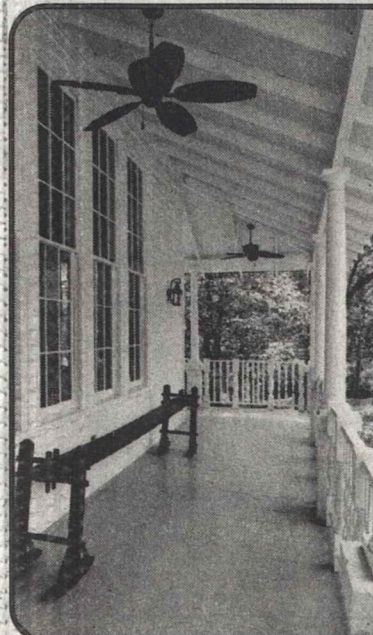
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-NORTH READING-

2 GREENBRIAR DR #101 was sold to Karen T Everbeck & Robert C Charlton by Patricia M Downey for \$174,000
21 HOLLYWOOD TER was sold to Noelle M Angeli by Alan F & Kathleen M Blomberg for \$322,500

-READING-

601 GAZEBO CIR #601 was sold to Craig A Barker by Andrew D Berman for \$332,000
28 JOHNSON WOODS DR #28 was sold to Brendan & Anne Gray by Johnson Woods Realty for \$875,000
575 MAIN ST was sold to 575 Main Street LLC by Reading Overseas for \$475,000
22 PINE RIDGE CIR was sold to Kevin D & Cassandra L Prescott by Roger A Danchise & Alyce E Curtis for \$555,000
605 SUMMER AVE #4-505 was sold to Nancy Poole by Shahan J Kapitanian for \$187,500
605 SUMMER AVE #4-509 was sold to Hong Yin & Yibing Gu by Kerin Odonnell for \$252,500
22 UNION ST #1 was sold to Kathleen E Flaherty by Robert A Osburn & Lori L Lambert-Osburn for \$350,000

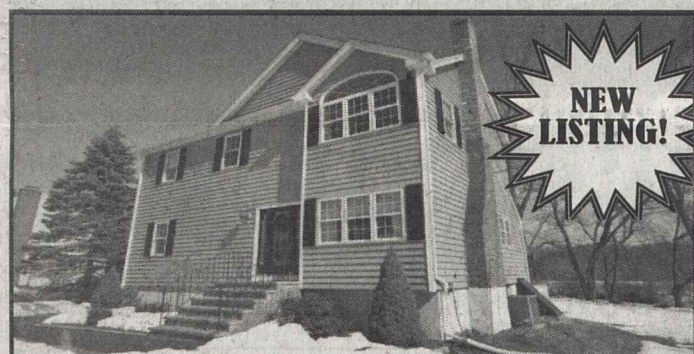
-STONEHAM-

1170 FRANKLIN ST was sold to Gregory & Brittany Penta by Susan E Beccia for \$380,000
250 WILLIAM ST was sold to Nancy J Slattery by Ralph W Brown Est & Nina Villanova for \$365,000

-TEWKSBURY-

40 BONNIE LN was sold to Eric E & Amanda Mantey by Kenzel & Coralie Kelly for \$419,000
262 KENDALL RD was sold to James R & Johanna P Brau by Judith K Berube for \$412,000
37 KENSINGTON WAY #63 was sold to Erin Joncas by Bella Woods LLC for \$411,900
91 LYNNE WAY #91 was sold to Richard L & Donna M Nicolo by Dennis J & Carol A Brewster for \$392,500
1438 MAIN ST was sold to Marc P Ginsburg&Sons Inc by Sullivan FT & John D Sullivan for \$250,000
1470 MAIN ST was sold to Marc P Ginsburg&Sons Inc by JDB RT & James Andella for \$250,000
1574 MAIN ST was sold to Marc P Ginsburg&Sons Inc by John D Sullivan for \$250,000
505 NORTH ST was sold to Thomas G Smulligan & Marissa D Bortone by Laura C King for \$400,000
7 PATRICK RD #7 was sold to John H Donahue by Dhanesh & Aarti Patel for \$220,000

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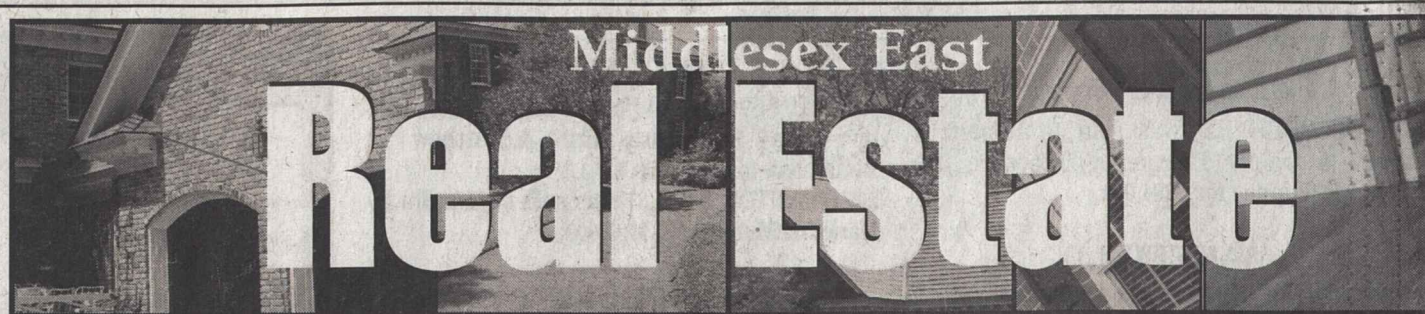
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It's traditional having the living room and dining room flank the entry, but the rest of the plan is clearly contemporary. And for families who prefer a home office to a living room, the location next to the entry is ideal.

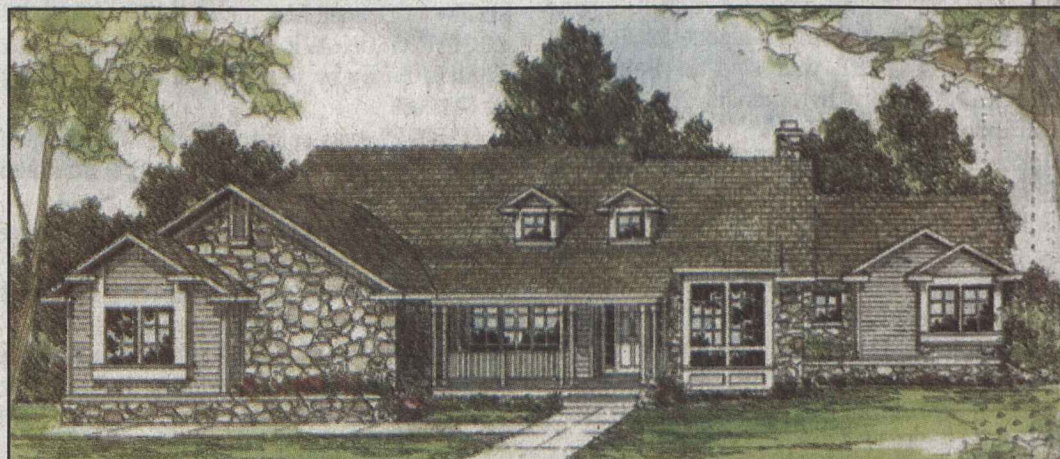
This plan is naturally illuminated throughout. High dormers spill soft light down into the entry and dining room. Both living room and dining room have wide, multi-paned windows, and the entire rear of the home is more windows than walls. Skylights in the nook make this space so bright, you'll only need electric lighting at night.

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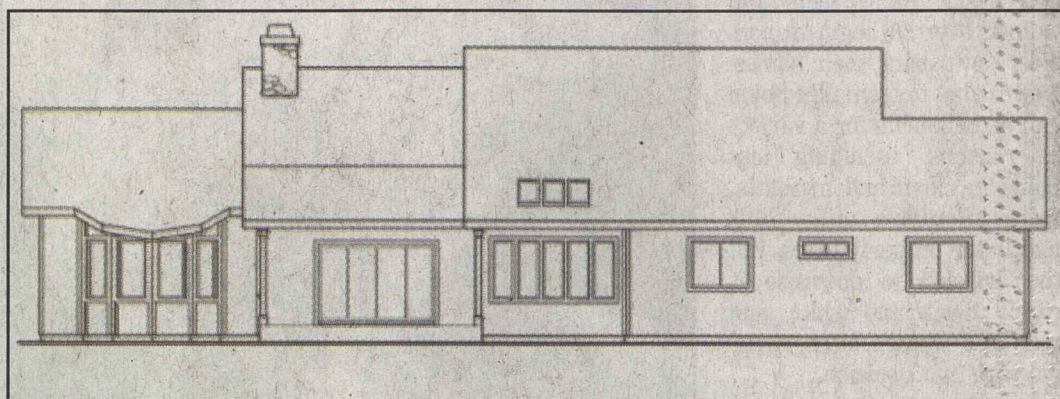
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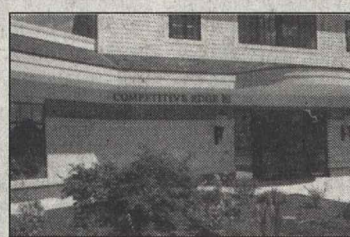


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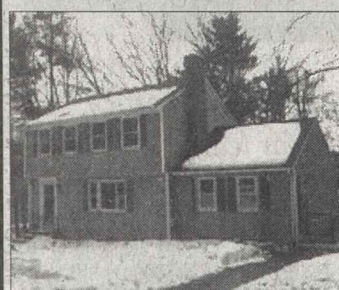
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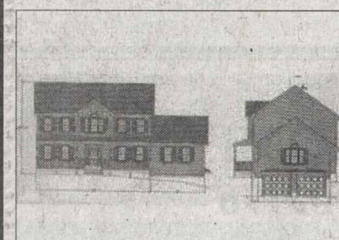


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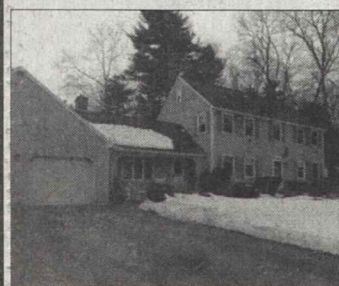
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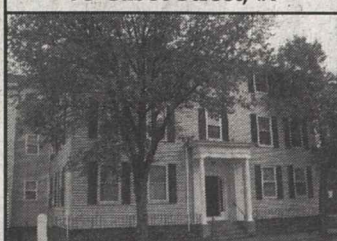


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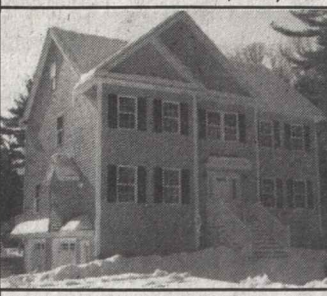
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